

# DAILY STRIKE BULLETIN

UNITED  
LABOR  
ACTION

## THE ORGANIZER



TWO TWENTY-FIVE

SOUTH THIRD STREET

SMASH THE  
CITIZENS  
ALLIANCE

Volume 1, No. 18

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 1934

Price one cent

# Leaders of 574 Released

## Struggle Wins Release of 3

### Imprisoned Pickets Get Improved Conditions

Bowing to the pressure of the aroused workers of the city, and seeking to forestall a general protest strike against the brutal and high-handed actions of the military forces, the State administration backed down at midday today and released from the Concentration Camp three leaders of Local 574.

From the Concentration Camp, Miles Dunne proceeded immediately to a doctor to be treated for a weed infection contracted in the camp.

When the three union leaders were removed from the camp, several score pickets remained behind. The leaders proceeded immediately to demand of Governor Olson the release of these unjustifiably detained prisoners.

The pickets who remained behind have now organized a prisoners' committee which successfully demanded of the military administration improvements of the conditions in the camp. They required additional blankets and cots, and so keen is the militia's sense of popular disapproval today that, although two days ago conditions in the camp were foul, the prisoners immediately forced the concessions from their guards.

While Brown and the two Dunne brothers sat inside the stockade, Rev. Haas and E. H. Dunningan visited them, and the world was treated to the amusing spectacle of representatives of the Federal Government asking to carry on negotiations with three men whom the State Government was treating as dangerous criminals of a type "to be kept in custody."

The union leaders, however, informed the Federal representatives that no discussion concerning the strike situation could be held within the confines of a military concentration camp.

The imprisoned leaders referred Rev. Haas and Dunningan to Union officials still at liberty. Later in the day Haas and Dunningan made efforts to get in touch with Farrell Dobbs and Grant Dunne, but they were even less successful at finding them than the militia, who were completely unsuccessful.

## Workers to Attend Funeral of Belor

All members of 574 and all workers are called upon by the Strike Committee of 100 to attend the funeral of John Belor and pay their respects to their martyred brother, the second member of 574 to die of the wounds inflicted by Bloody Mike's cops two weeks ago.

The Belor funeral will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Knaeble and Sherer funeral parlors at 513 Plymouth Ave. Burial will be in Crystal Lake Cemetery. Detailed arrangements as to the formation of the procession, speakers and the like will be announced tomorrow by the Strike Committee.

Belor, who was unmarried, is survived by a brother and sister. He lived at 25th and James N.

A memorial placard with a wreath of laurel leaves has been hung in Belor's memory over the entrance to strike headquarters. The joy of the strikers at having forced the troops to evacuate their center yesterday was tempered with sorrow at the news of their departed brother.

John Belor gave his life that the workers of Minneapolis might preserve their organizations and win the right to a decent living. His death, like that of his brother, Harry Ness, is another crime of those who exploit and grind down the worker. Our answer must be incessant struggle and the perfection of our organization!



He Goes on Fighting!

## Broaden the Strike Front!

All day yesterday, Local 574 showed its fighting mettle.

Faced by an autocratic military regime which sought to deprive it of those elementary rights for which labor has fought and shed its blood for more than a century, 574 defiantly refused to bow its head in servile submission. It declared that it would assert these rights and defend them with its life, regardless of the superior armed force which attempted to rob it of them. Armed only with a just cause and with a deep-seated conviction, the workers on strike went right up against a military power supplied with the most deadly equipment of modern military warfare.

The strike-breaking tyrants declared that we could not hold our own meetings. We replied with a mass assembly of the vanguard of Minneapolis labor—25,000 strong who shouted their support of the heroic battle being waged by 574.

The military despots declared that picketing would not be permitted, that the scab trucks would roll with the blessing of strike-breaker Olson. We replied with an intensified mass picketing which promptly put the fear of labor's might into the hearts of the slave-driving employers and automatically cut down the number of trucks by about 75 percent.

The autocrats of the bayonet and the machine gun set a new precedent in the State of Minnesota, and committed a crime which the most despicable reactionaries throughout the country have hesitated to do for decades: they raided the headquarters of our Union, and then the central headquarters of the organized trade union movement of Minneapolis, and ousted the workers by force of arms. Together with an indignant working class of Minneapolis, together with the great mass of the members of Governor Olson's own party, we replied with such a thunder of protest, that the military martinets were compelled to retreat and return our headquarters to us.

The would-be Hitlers, surrounded by their brownshirts, swooped down upon the beloved leaders of 574—mark you, not of the Citizens Alliance, but of 574!—arrested them on trumped-up charges, and threw them into their military concentration camp. By this, they thought to behead the Union, to deprive it of its general staff, to demoralize, disorganize, scatter and paralyze its ranks. The fearless rank and file replied by the most imposing picket demonstration witnessed in the strike since its inception.

The courageous men of 574, who do not surrender because they are not cowards and slaves, who fight because they are Union men, saved the honor of the Minneapolis labor movement, we repeat. They gave meaning and substance to the great motto: "Resistance to tyranny is the beginning of freedom." With

their militancy and perseverance, they gave new spirit to the strike. They inspired the rest of the labor movement with respect and admiration. They brought home to every workingman this profound truth:

**Labor is invincible, no obstacle is too great to surmount, no force is too powerful to withstand it, if it is united, if it is conscious of its aim, if it fights militantly!**

The dictators and the candidates for Hitlerism have "given back" our headquarters to us. A few of our arrested pickets have been released. Our leaders were finally released today.

We suppose that we shall be expected to be grateful for these kind and generous favors. And perhaps we would be, if they were favors. But they are anything but that. They are part of the retreat which our fight has forced.

But we are far from believing that the fight has been won. Quite the contrary. We know that to win this battle against the tremendous forces arrayed against us, it is necessary to supplement our strength by the strength of the whole labor movement.

Against us stands the whole army of the employers: the Citizens Alliance, its press, its police, its administration, its militia. Even this combination we can triumph against if the forces of our whole army are summoned to action. We are fighting the battle of the whole labor movement. Our cause—we have repeatedly pointed out—is the cause of every workingman. But we are now like one battalion bearing the brunt of the battle while several other battalions are kept passively in reserve. The time has now arrived to call the rest of our army to the front. The time has arrived for the whole labor movement of Minneapolis to respond to the colors.

**It is now imperative to broaden the strike front!**

The labor movement cannot stand by passively while 574 is cut down by an overwhelmingly superior force.

We feel completely justified in calling upon the entire organized labor movement in Minneapolis to respond like one man to our appeal for a **general strike of protest!**

Such a demonstration of labor's strength in Minneapolis would be not only a fitting, but a decisive and crushing reply to all the labor-haters, to all the slave-drivers, to the sinister Citizens Alliance, to the murderers of Johannes' police force, to the strike-breaking acts of Olson and the desposition of the militia.

It would throw into the scales a tremendous weight sufficient to tip them in favor of 574, which means in favor of all the working people of Minneapolis. Now is the time to act! Now is the time for every workingman and every labor leader to show where he stands, with whom and against whom!

## Strikers Elated By New Gains

### Union Rejects Employers' New Proposal

The indignation which swept the whole labor movement of Minneapolis when the National Guard, true to its strike-breaking role, imprisoned the leaders of Local 574 and occupied its headquarters and the headquarters of the Central Labor Union, resulted today in a signal victory when the military authorities found themselves compelled to release William S. Brown, president of Local 574, and V. R. Dunne and Miles Dunne, leaders of the Committee of 100 which is directing the strike of the truck drivers, helpers and inside men. In addition, the headquarters of 574 were evacuated by the troops and repossessed by the Union and its strike staff.

The spirit of victory which heartened every workingman in the city, and particularly the 574 men, was charged with the realization that the military authorities had backed down under the threat of the general strike for which Local 574 immediately appealed.

Trade union militants throughout the town were seething with anger and demanding prompt action to force the withdrawal of the National Guard and martial law from Minneapolis, where they have systematically sought to undermine and break the ranks of the strike.

The fact that the mere threat of a general strike caused the military authorities to make a turn about face, with a feeble statement made to save their prestige, has brought home to every worker, and the trade unionists in particular, the realization that the united strength of the working people is an invincible weapon with which to batter down the exploiters, their civil and military agents, and to force the revocation of the military regime which has been arbitrarily imposed upon the workers in the town.

Another result of the firm attitude of 574 and the fact that it continued and extended its picketing activities, as well as the dread inspired in the hearts of the employers by the appeal of our Union to the organized labor movement to stand by with a general strike movement, has been the issuance of a new statement by the "Employers Advisory Committee" in which a new basis for a strike settlement is proposed.

The employers' proposals are thoroughly unsatisfactory and unacceptable to the Union, which refuses to have them serve as a basis for a settlement. The Union is of the opinion that by accepting as the basis for the settlement the Haas-Dunningan proposals which the employers then rejected, it went as far in making concessions from its original demands, as it is going to go. The Union and the Strike Committee of 100 continue to stand by their original acceptance of the Haas-Dunningan statement as the minimum basis for calling off the strike.

The fact, however, that the employers have felt the enormous pressure of the strike, is indicated by their latest statement.

The successful picket line, and the fact that their solidarity has compelled the military to back water, has elated the strikers and raised their spirits to a new high level.

The strong spirit of support from other sections of the labor movement has also served to bolster up the ranks of 574. Without being lulled into a feeling of over-confidence, the strikers realize that they still have reserves behind them, that the workers in other trades are ready to come to their aid, that the general strike weapon still hangs over the heads of the employers and the National Guard like a mighty sword, which labor can seize and wield for the attainment of its ends.

News and Views

574 Promised Walsh Nothing Leaders Said Picketing Would Not Cease

574 Nursery Rhymes Oh, Brigadier General Walsh, He had a thousand men. He marched them into Headquarters And marched them out again.

When McDevitt, much to his evident disgust, turned Strike Headquarters back to the Committee of 100, Brother Schultz took from him, so to speak, the keys of our fortress. As the troops sauntered out to line up on the walk, a number of privates whispered to Schultz, "More power to you," "Your'e 100 percent right," and so on. Would these particular men shoot strikers?

One of our prize counter-girls from the Commissary broke her hand yesterday cracking a sassy militiaman in the snoot. Treated at Strike Emergency Hospital—and hasn't got diphtheria yet.

A slightly plastered guardsman approached a girl in front of a beer parlor. "Ditch that guy inside and get a real man," he said. The guy inside happened to be her husband and he came out in time to overhear the remark. The guard is now in the military hospital recovering from bruises suffered "in the execution of duty."

McDevitt would like to know how Grant Dunne kept out of his hands all day. The truth of the matter, McDevitt, and you might as well learn this now before you have to pay too high a price for the lesson, is that while a soldier may have brawny arms a truck driver has both arms and brains.

In a saloon at 23 S. 2nd St. last night at about 9:30 a drunken militiaman drew a .45, waved it about threateningly and, with loud shouts, invaded the ladies' room. He terrorized the whole establishment, especially the ladies, until four officers arrived and arrested him. This goes to show that McDevitt was hardly exaggerating when he said the discipline of his troops is perfect.

When some of the boys told Pat Corcoran of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union a few of the things that were done by the guards yesterday morning, Pat said indignantly: "Why, they can't do that!" But they did, Pat, they did.

A representative of the Strike Committee sent to ask donations of vegetables at the new farmers' market opened by arrangement between Local 574 and the independent farmers' associations, was driven away by a shavetail Lieutenant. More help for the strikers from Olson's brown-shirts.

Cliff Hall was recently elected to the royal order of the "Third Degree."

Costello wants to know if any of the other cab companies can use some second hand steward service.

"I'm not afraid of work," spouts Sam Swanson, "I lay down right next to it."

Emanuel G. H. is gonna tie a mattress to his back so he can sleep in comfort wherever he falls.

Has Moe Hork been able to brush up on his ball game?

How do you "Snooze Hounds" like the Norseman's snuff?

Despite the fact that soldiers picked up two of our salesgirls the sale of The Organizer still goes on. This evening an announcement was made that our salespeople would no longer be molested. That is good news, but if anyone thinks that a few tin soldiers can scare our brave force, they are badly mistaken. The Organizer will go on under all circumstances.

Registration will go on at 225 South Third St. for Saturday's Tag Day. All ladies willing to help are asked to register as soon as possible. We want a large force on the street Saturday. This Tag Day must be a success!

One militant group that appears to have the same spirit that drives 574 to overcome all obstacles is the Social Problems Club of the University of Minnesota. On Wednesday night this group made another cash donation to help the Union in its fight, this time amounting to \$13.

Mr. Shugren, at St. Barnabas, is still holding his own. His condition is still critical, but we have great hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Harry DeBoer and Frank Zanky are still holding down beds at St. Barnabas. Harry—have you found out about that iron work yet?

YOUTHS SLAP OLSON'S FACE

The following telegram was sent to Governor Olson this morning by the University of Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association: "You are breaking strike STOP This is to notify you that you have been expelled as honorary chairman of our organization." This telegram was signed Richard Scammon, Jr.

Yesterday a delegation of five unanimously elected by the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Central Committee, presented to Olson a resolution expressing the demands of the rank and file members of the Farmer-Labor Party, of which the Governor is the titular head. The committee demanded that all truck operations be suspended for 48 hours starting early Wednesday morning; that all trucks permitted to move necessities be driven by Union men under Union conditions; that Union representatives sit with the persons in power to issue permits.

The Workers' Voice

Dear Editor:

Be sure to get this in the paper. I nearly burned up last night when I listened to the rat who does the Journal's lying over the radio. He told about how the Strike Emergency Hospital was dirty and had diphtheria germs and so on. Just how much he knows about it can be seen from the fact that he said that the hospital was on the second floor of Headquarters when everybody else knows it always has been on the ground floor.

But this rat did not make up his stories. He got the dope from Col. McDevitt, who is a very imaginative fellow himself. McDevitt spread the story about the diphtheria germs, and so on. I want to say two things about McDevitt's yarn as reported by the kept press. In the first place he lies. For example, those sleeping in the cots in the Emergency Hospital at all times, including at the time McDevitt's brown-shirts raided it, were not wounded men but nurses. Wounded men are given first aid in the strike clinic and then shipped to a regular hospital. Furthermore, the screens around the beds were not dirty because there never have been any screens. Furthermore, linen is changed twice daily. All supplies are always kept covered. No engines are allowed to run in the building. The strongest disinfectants are used constantly. There is as much care taken by the Emergency Hospital staff to preserve people's health as there is by the guards to deprive them of it with tear gas, guns and bayonets.

The second thing I want to say about McDevitt is that if there were any criticism to be made it should not come from his mouth. He is responsible for the horrible conditions prevailing in the Concentration Camp (there is no other name; it's regular Hitler business) at the fair grounds. Here men have had to sleep in the open air without shelter, remain all day without covering against the sun's rays, without fresh water and with no sanitation facilities. The men are compelled to relieve themselves on the same bit of ground on which they must sleep and eat.

I warn the citizens of Minneapolis: IF A GRAVE EPIDEMIC BREAKS OUT, IT WILL BE THE FAULT OF THE TYRANNICAL NATIONAL GUARD REGIME!

And I say McDevitt does not care a damn about cleanliness and health but is only trying to make capital against the strikers' cause. Out with him.

Yours, Registered Nurse.

Coming Events

The Petroleum Workers Joint Council, Local 574 Minneapolis, Local 120 St. Paul, has issued a call for a mass meeting to be held Monday evening, August 6, at 9 o'clock at the Eagles Hall, 12th and Wabasha, St. Paul, to recruit new members and to report on the progress of negotiations with the bosses.

The M.C.C.W. announces the following weekly meetings of its reformed district branches:

- North: Thursday, 8 p. m., 1426 6th Ave. N.
Downtown: Friday, 8 p. m., 303 3rd St. S.
Franklin: Monday, 8 p. m., 1530 E. Franklin.
South: Tuesday, 8 p. m., 4201 Cedar.

Tag Day for the benefit of the Strike Fund: Saturday.

Funeral of Brother Wallin, Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union, tomorrow at 2:30, Hillside Cemetery Chapel, Stinson Blvd. N. E.

Funeral of Brother Belor, Saturday, Knaeble and Scherer Funeral Parlors, 513 Plymouth Ave.; burial at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

574 Man Tells Truth of Crash

Cop Threatens Witness of Auto Accident

All workers are urged to attend the funeral of Brother Carl Wallin, member of the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Local Union 18005, to be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. from the Hillside Cemetery Chapel, Stinson Blvd. N. E.

Brother Wallin died as an indirect result of the declaration of martial law. According to the boss press, he was killed by a speeding militia squad car as it went about its "duties" in connection with strike breaking. The real truth of the matter, however, is quite different, according to the signed statement of an eyewitness of the accident in which Brother Wallin died.

Brother William Burgduff, a member of Local 574, has given this statement to The Organizer. It reveals the existence of a conspiracy involving the militia, the cops and the boss press to suppress the truth about the death of Brother Wallin.

The Bergduff statement, which makes it appear that the Guardsmen are doing something else besides strike-breaking duty, and which also shows Johannes's cops in their usual questionable role, follows:

"I, William Burgduff, while sitting in my car with Raymond Bushaw and William Lunke, witnessed the following accident this morning, July 31, 1934:

"My car was parked on 26th St. facing the corner of Chicago Ave. A police squad car, driven by three National Guardsmen, and two women in the back end of the squad car, and traveling between 60 and 70 miles per hour, deliberately drove through a stop sign without even sounding the horn. This squad car struck a Nash Ajax automobile, containing two men, in the mid-section. The driver of the Nash was thrown through the top of the car into the pavement. His brain lay spattered all over the street. The women when the accident happened got out of the car and immediately disappeared. We straightened out the man lying injured on the street, and we took out the injured from the car and placed him on the street.

"I picked out the driver of the squad car and told him to take off his helmet and gun. I was going to fight him for committing outright murder. He immediately ran away. The police and the ambulance arrived about a half hour later. The ambulance removed the injured man but left the dead man on the street until the coroner came.

"When I told the police what I have witnessed, they told me to scram and that I was ripe for a pick since I am a 574 man.

WM. BURGDUFF, 601 10th Ave. S.

Imported Thugs Here to Break Strike

Following is an item appearing in the current magazine, News-Week, substantiating the claims of labor leaders that hired thugs and gun men have been imported into Minneapolis to help break the truckers' strike:

"P. L. Bergoff leaned his heavy arms on the desk of his New York office. 'This thing,' he said gravely, 'is going to spread.'

"Mr. Bergoff's business is providing strike-breakers. His hand is felt wherever there is labor trouble. In 25 years the hired fists and clubs of his 'guards' as he calls them have made him a millionaire. He and his scabs helped to break the great steel strike of 1919 and hundreds of lesser walkouts.

"Last week his plug-uglies were on duty in California. Others were hurrying to Minneapolis."

So, despite the pious protestations of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (a sort of infantile but aspiring "Citizens Alliance") that no imported thugs are being used to break this strike, we know the truth.

Only those authorized by the Finance Committee are allowed to collect funds for the strike fund. This is in order to avoid confusion. Get in contact with this committee for your credentials. The committee consists of Tommy Smith, Tom Kneeland, Jack Severson, Bill Abel, George Le Boe.

THE ORGANIZER

The Daily Strike Bulletin and organ of General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union 574, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

Published in the interests of labor at 225 South Third St., in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

VOL. I, NO. 18

dere emily

Wednesday nite

dere emily, so much has happined in the last few hours that i dont hardly no where to begin. in the 1 place, Governor Olsons strikebreakin nashunal guards has raded our head-1/4.s. so we moved over the central labor Union head-1/4.s. and sure enuff, a few hours later the guards come over and raded us there. whats more, they arrested Bill Brown, and Mick and Ray Dunne and about 20 other of our guys, and put them over in the stockade at the state fare grounds.

i spoze your thinkin that this ends the strike, emily. but it dont. 574 MEN NEVER QUIT. why this afternoon, guards or no guards, we dun more picketing than we dun for a week. the guards stole 40 a our cars which was parked at strike head-1/4.s. so what does lots of labor-in fellos do but offer us there cars, and believe me, we got after the scabbin trucks this afternoon. the dam bosses will think twice or more before they try and continyouto move trucks. we dont give a dam for a military permit, emily. the only kinda permit a 574 man reconizes is a 574 permit.

gee, kid, i never herd guys rave against a man like what i herd workers all over the city rave against Olson today. and i guess he nos just how the workers feel. becuz this afternoon he went over to the radison hotel to have a little get-together with the bosses, and darned if about 800 nashunal guards didnt line the streets on both sides and keep people from gettin anywheres nere the hotel.

one of the guys they nabbed at our place was a guy called erwin schemo who says he represents a chicao labor paper. he was ritin a story like this, "The city is covered with bloodshed. 65,000 militant workers gathered at the Parade grounds last night—" boy, this schemo guy must be a card, tellin whoppers like that. the communist party oughta grab him up rite away. thats the kinda men they need on there paper, the daily worker.

oh, there is lotsa news to tell you, emily. John Belor, another one of the pickets, died this mornin in the hospital. i say, emily, that John's blood—and Harry Ness'es blood too—is on the hands of evry member of the citizens alliance, and on murderer mike johannes' hands. saturday we're goin to give John the kinda funeral he deserves, jist like we dun for Harry.

another thing i forgot ta tell ya. just as the gards was breakin into our head-1/4.s this mornin, a terrific smell went up. one of our guys sez it was jist the natchural smell that the officers has, but i see where the papers try and deny this by savin that a officer had dropped a gas bomb while he wuz gettin outa his car.

i am inclosin todays Organizer, emily. so you see that they aint stopped our paper yet. no, and by god. they aint stopped our Union yet neither not by a damed site.

to show you how fare these military corts is to the workers, did ya notice, emily, where they give one of our pickets, Mart Donley, 25 days; but when they caught a scab breakin there rules and driving a truck without no permit, why they give him only 3 days. so rite down the line, it seems the cards is allus stacked against us workers, no matter whoze in the saddle.

in fact, it is gettin plainer and plainer to all us workers that the only persons a worker shud ever trust is other workers who have proved their mettal under fire—like Bill Bown and the Dunnes and so forth. no mayors like Banebridge, no pots like johannes, no nashunal guard governors like Olson. only workin class leaders. so now what us workers has got to figure out, emily, is how to get our own men runnin things in this country so that all the workers will get a square deal.

sammy is safe, and wuz out picketin with us this afternoon. bov, will he have some good tales to tell you when he comes home.

yours, Mike.

M.C.C.W. Calls Pickets

The M.C.C.W. calls on all its members to report daily for picket duty in support of Local 574. The office opens at 4 a. m. daily: 303 S. 3rd St.

All discrimination in granting public relief is a violation of law even if the worker fails to report for ERA work. Any discrimination because of strike activity is equally illegal. Report all such discrimination to M.C.C.W. headquarters at once and the Council will fight for the worker's rights.

Miss Margaret Gosslin, 24, sister of Joseph N. Gosslin, a member of Typographical Union 42 and foreman of the Argus Publishing Company, died early this morning in University Hospital. She will be buried Saturday at 9:30 a. m. from St. Vincent's Church, Osseo.

TAG DAY August 4th

Register for Service at 225 South 3rd St. COME DO YOUR BIT!