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We Have Won the Fight on the Picket Line! We Shall Not Lose It In the Settlement!

Bosses Import Plug-Uglies

Predicted by "News-Week," Seen by Pickets

Pickets on duty on the outskirts of the city this morning reported the first signs of the imported professional plug-uglies of the P. L. Bergoff strike-breaking and murdering agency of New York City.

A picket car drew up close to a truck parked on the South Side. The driver of the picket car asked the driver of the truck whether he knew that he was doing scab work. One of the pickets got out of his car to stretch his legs. He stepped a foot or so ahead of the truck, and inside he saw two hard-boiled specimens of underworld humanity. They appeared to be awaiting an opportunity to begin trouble. Quite a group of people were gathered around the truck, however, and no move was made by the thugs. After a bit the picket car drove off.

Another picket car reported passing a wholesale grocery on the corner near where the shooting occurred on Bloody Friday and there seeing several suspicious characters standing beside a truck which was being loaded. One of these pickets stated: "I have been in trucking for eight years in this town and I never saw any of these fellows around before. I should say they were about the worst looking specimens of humanity I ever laid eyes on."

The Bergoff agency is known to have sent its gangsters to Minneapolis a few days ago. Some of them are operating as scabs.

The *News-Week*, a conservative magazine, last week carried the announcement that Bergoff the Blood-thirsty was sending some of his strike-breaking gunmen to this city.

These Bergoff agents are infamous throughout the country. They helped break the great steel strike of 1919 and, as the *News-Week* says, hundreds of lesser strikes. When the street railway workers of Milwaukee struck last month, Bergoff sent twenty of his assassins to Milwaukee by airplane. They were caught at the airport by the Milwaukee police and on the orders of Mayor Hoan they were searched, deprived of their artillery and deported.

The Bosses' "Foreigners"

When it comes to scabbing, strike-breaking and the murder of workers, the bosses and their henchmen are quite willing to use forces from any other state in the union. And you may be sure that they do not inquire whether their hired assassins have ancestors who came over on the Mayflower. No, indeed! They are even "internationalists." They would be quite willing to import a bunch of Adolf Hitler's perverts and professional murderers to help crush the workers of our city.

But when it comes to labor's side, any man who lives over the Hennepin county line is classified as a "foreigner."

What is Governor Olson going to do about this matter?

We suggest, no, we insist, that Governor Olson look into this matter very deeply and very carefully. Let him round up every scab and every special deputy and guard and what-not in town. Let him investigate every one of them and find out how many of them are imported gangsters. And let him take steps to eliminate this offal, this riff-raff of hired assassins.

And then let us go on from there and get the men behind the men behind the guns, the employers and bankers and their highly-paid office-boys who are responsible for this influx of assassins.

HERE WE STAND!

Great changes have taken place in the strike situation in the last 48 hours. Our headquarters, taken from us by military force, is again in the hands of the union. Our incorruptible leaders have been freed from the military stockade and are back on the firing line. The sympathy and support of our brother unionists and of the great mass of the general population are stronger than ever.

AND—

The arrogant bosses have come down off their high horse and submitted a "peace" proposal!

This proposal is not acceptable to our union. It is full of jokers and traps for the workers and we shall take care not to be caught in them. Besides that, the proposal contains points which are 90 per cent bluff, put in for "trading" purposes. Our Strike Committee of 100 understands all this and will explain it clearly to the membership. But first of all, and most important of all, we must understand the basic causes of the favorable changes in the situation which herald a sweeping victory for fighting 574.

These causes are:

First, the indomitable fighting spirit of the rank and file of our union. The lion-hearted battlers of Local 574, deprived of their headquarters and part of their leading staff, and menaced by military suppression, reformed their ranks under fire and picketed the town with such energy and courage that they stopped 75 per cent of the trucks from operating.

That's the first cause of the change in the situation.

Second, the call for a general strike of protest against military tyranny, re-echoed throughout the rank and file of the Minneapolis labor movement, sent cold chills down the spines of the oppressors. They fear the power of organized labor. The mere threat of a general strike brought positive results.

That's the second cause of the change in the situation. And the deeper this slogan goes into the rank and file, the more clearly the trade unions of the city make it manifest that the general strike is no bluff, that the organized workers are ready to go through with it, the sooner will the bosses come to terms. They are losing half a million dollars a day now. And that's nothing to what a general strike would cost them.

The Governor has just issued another statement. He says that unless a "decent" settlement is reached by midnight, he will revoke permits for all trucking except those for milk, ice, bread and "kindred necessities." He will also "prevent" forcible picketing.

In plain words, our idea of a decent settlement was contained in our very first proposal. Then came the Haas-Dunnigan proposals. Although it fell short of our demands it was highly praised by the representatives of the Federal Government, by Governor Olson, and many others. It was endorsed by the Central Labor Union. The Union, never unreasonable, accepted the Haas-Dunnigan plan as a compromise, as a minimum.

Then, according to Messrs. Haas, Dunnigan, and Olson—who do not recognize as the strikers do, that there is no neutrality in this fight—we have this situation:

The workers represented by the Strike Committee of 100, and the "general public" represented by the Federal Conciliators and the Governor, had agreed on a fair plan to settle the strike. Only the bosses were holding out. Logically, you might have expected that the representatives of the "general public" would

have brought pressure on the recalcitrant bosses. But no. All the pressure was brought on the Union. Scab trucks moved with military permits; pickets got 25 days in the workhouse; and "chiselers" (a particular kind of scab flourishing under martial law) were fined \$3; our headquarters was seized; our leaders were arrested; scores of pickets are still in the stockade; we were made to face an armament a thousand fold more threatening than anything Bloody Johannes ever had at his command.

And the simple truth is: **THEY COULD NOT BREAK OUR SPIRIT; THEY COULD NOT SCATTER OUR LINES OF INDOMITABLE PICKETS.**

We have won victories on the picket line. We are not going to be cheated out of them in negotiations by anybody.

We accepted the Haas-Dunnigan plan. We said this was the furthest we could go. We said we would fight it out on this line all summer if necessary. On this position we still stand, strong as the Rock of Gibraltar.

We call on Father Haas to stand by what he called a fair proposal, and to characterize properly those who threw it in his face. We call on Governor Olson, who indorsed the Haas-Dunnigan plan, to do the same.

Local 574 is an organization of reasonable workers. It has a reasonable leadership. The entire organized labor movement of Minneapolis indorsed our strike at the outset and our policy at every stage.

If Governor Olson wants to crack down anywhere, let him crack down on the recalcitrant and greedy bosses and the sinister Citizens Alliance clique behind them.

As for forcible picketing, this point in the Governor's ultimatum obviously cannot be directed against us. As long as we were not interfered with, the city was as peaceful as a Sunday school. The "forcible" activities have come from the cops who murdered Harry Ness and John Belor, from the militia which drove us out of our headquarters, and from the bosses' imported plug-uglies.

The Governor says that constitutional rights will be assured. That is all we have demanded. **We have a right, yes, and a duty, to walk up to these imported scabs and ask them not to take the bread out of the mouths of our wives and children.**

We mean to maintain that right and to carry out that duty at all costs. We have other constitutional rights. We know what they are and if necessary we will die fighting for them.

Yes, if the Governor wants to pull any more raids, let him raid the Citizens Alliance and clean out the sinister clique which forced this strike. If he wants to make any more arrests, let him arrest the imported finks, check their criminal records, run them out of town, and pillory the dark forces who have paid them blood money.

Local 574 means to stand firm. It is sure of the justice of its cause. It has saved the sacred honor of the labor movement in this city. It has written a golden page in the history of American labor. For the right to assemble freely, to speak our minds, to choose our own leaders, to organize independently, to picket peacefully, and to provide our families with a decent living, we have fought an epoch making battle.

WE HAVE WON THE STRIKE ON THE PICKET LINES!

WE SHALL NOT LOSE IT IN THE SETTLEMENT!

Dunne Speaks On Boss Plan

Says It Contains Several
Ridiculous Proposals

As this issue of *The Organizer* was going to press the Strike Committee of 100 was preparing to go into session to consider the latest developments and take a position on the settlement proposals made by the employers. The action of the committee is forecast in an interview given to *The Organizer* by Vincent R. Dunne after a conference with other leaders of 574.

"There is very little new in the present proposal," said Brother Dunne, "except that the bosses are now beginning to talk definitely about wages. They offer 50 cents an hour for drivers and 40 cents for helpers and inside workers. That is not enough. But the bare proposal shows the bosses are beginning to realize what is at the bottom of the strike—wages, working conditions and the right of organization. The workers want to live—that's what they are fighting for."

"We stand pat on the Haas-Dunnigan proposal which the union membership accepted as a compromise. The Federal mediators and Governor Olson all declared this proposal to be reasonable and fair. That's not our idea of it, but we accepted it as a compromise. Now we expect Father Haas and Mr. Dunnigan to stand by the proposal they themselves made and condemn the bosses if they do not accept it."

"There are several ridiculous clauses in the bosses' proposal. Whether they are meant seriously or put in merely for 'trading' purposes—it makes no difference. Local 574 is never going to agree to a 'preferential list' which puts the rights of scabs ahead of the rights of union men. The same holds good for the proposal to discriminate against strikers whom they accuse of committing 'unlawful acts.' By that they evidently mean our pickets. Doesn't it take a colossal gall for people who sent out squads of murderers to shoot our pickets in the back to talk about 'unlawful acts'?"

Strike Committee Meets

"I speak only for myself—since the Committee of 100 has not yet acted on the matter—but it is inconceivable to me that such insulting proposals should even be given serious consideration."

"Local 574, now as in the past, is ready to come to an agreement. We never made any unreasonable or unrealistic demands and we make none now. We accepted the Haas-Dunnigan proposals as a compromise. Governor Olson endorsed them. Now let the bosses get in line and we can end the strike."

Brother Dunne also expressed himself forcibly on the latest statement of Governor Olson. "It is to be hoped," he said, "that the blows of the Governor will be directed this time against those who obstruct a settlement and flout the Haas-Dunnigan proposal which the Governor endorsed. It certainly is a shameful situation when a Governor elected by the workers and farmers and supported by organized labor hurls military force against a union on strike. He has no one to blame but himself if the workers have turned against him with bitter indignation. It is high time for him to put a little pressure on the Citizens Alliance. They are the only ones standing in the way of a 'decent settlement.'"

"We know that many employers want to settle the strike and deal with the union. They have come to us and said so. But the Citizens Alliance and the chain banks won't let them."

News and Views

From our brothers of the Machinists and Mechanics Lodge No. 459, St. Paul. Union 574 has gratefully received a donation of \$35.70 for our strike fund.

Charley Collins of 417 East 14th is certainly giving a wonderful example of the courage and determination which is keeping 574 very much in the fight. Brother Collins is a totally disabled Canadian war veteran, with two small children to support. Yet he willingly faced the police murderers on Bloody Friday, when he was shot in the ankle and leg. He will have to use a cane the rest of his life, but nothing can still his fighting spirit. For the past three days, despite the fact that he is barely able to walk, he has had his car at strike headquarters hauling pickets. Bravo, Brother Collins!

Neighbors on West Broadway report a jewelry store robbed this week. Not a cop in sight or call. The cops are busy these days riding around in squad cars acting as news reporters for the Citizens Alliance.

Mrs. McCoy of the Ladies' Auxiliary just reported that a union railroad man from St. Louis just ordered 107 copies of Thursday's Organizer to take home to his brother members. He says that the eyes of every union man in St. Louis are on us and their advice is to fight like hell. He says that the fight of 574 is not a fight for Minneapolis truck drivers or for Minneapolis union men but is a fight for all workers over the United States. We salute you, St. Louis workers!

W. E. Lindgren, a Minneapolis Street Railway man, gave one dollar for a copy of The Organizer today. He is also busy getting together a donation fund from the Street Railway boys. He says that he and his buddy workers are with us to the last drop.

Shadow just stopped and thanked me for the write-up we gave him in Wednesday's Organizer. He says that his sister buys a copy every day (25c) just to see if his name is in the paper.

Frank Lindquist of 3641 14th Ave. South (garage man), reports that at least twenty of his customers have asked him why a public donation fund has not been established for the members of Brother Ness's family. He said that he has been offered donations as high as five dollars. He suggests a plan whereby every donor signs his name and address and the amount on a form of some kind supplied by the Union. Also says to tell the boys that when they are in the neighborhood and need a telephone to drop in at any hour of the day or night.

One of the general public told me this afternoon that he bought a copy of The Organizer from one of our Auxiliary members just about 30 seconds before she was picked up by the Guards. He said that the rough methods they used in pushing her into the car were sickening and that he would never have believed it if he had not seen it.

Local 574 men have organization drilled into their very bones. The 70-odd in the stockade have unionized and won their two demands for tents and cots and for the barring of photographers from the kept press.

Peter the Office Pest reports that the Western Union has extra boys running between the telegraph office and the State Capitol with telegrams for the Executive Office. Congratulations, no doubt.

No truck has been tipped over. These ex-shoemakers they put to work trying to drive trucks don't know how to handle a Baby Austin. They drive right into the ditch if a car drives alongside them.

Registration for Tag Day goes merrily on. We are getting a good response.

Despite the fact that the soldiers insist upon picking up our sales people, the sale of The Organizer goes on. We insist upon our constitutional rights of the freedom of the press. We intend to get The Organizer on the streets and into the hands of the people no matter what happens.

This headquarters place is a terrible dive. It's so filthy that the military had to take it over for themselves. A terrible epidemic of diphtheria is raging here, the coffee water is contaminated with typhoid. The military drank it up in order to save us from it. Can't imagine how all us boys have survived for 2 1/2 weeks in such an unhealthy climate. A flash just as we go to press: small pox and scarlet fever have set in and crazed the boys so that they see funny sights on the streets—like trucks turning somersaults all by themselves.

Fink Rate Up Due to Pickets

The determination of the bosses to beat the strike and to crush unionism, as well as the difficulties they are having in getting scabs, are revealed by a conversation held this morning over the telephone between a member of Local 574 and an official of the Citizens Alliance.

This member, in order to find out what the bosses are up to, telephoned the Citizens Alliance and offered himself to drive a truck. He used the name of a fink, one Johnson, who scabbed in the May strike. The official to whom he spoke asked him several questions to make sure he had the right man, and then informed our member that he would get \$35 a week to do the job.

Why do bosses pay truck-driving scabs \$35 a week today and refuse to pay honest workers 42 1/2 cents a week for regular work? Because they hope to break the strike by spending a few extra dollars now and thus save themselves from permanent obligations to pay decent wages.

More important, however, is the fact that they have to go so high to get these finks to do their dirty work. More and more of the yellow rats are reaching the conclusion that what with so many militia cars driving wildly about the streets—and other difficulties—it is really unsafe to drive a truck these days.

JOHN BELOR, M.C.C.W.

As an unemployed worker, John Belor volunteered to picket in the General Drivers' strike. He was in the vanguard of that strike on Black Friday. Not directly as employee against boss. No one pressed him to serve. He had no wife nor children to provide with better livings. No immediate job nor wages were at stake for John Belor. Why then did he make the supreme sacrifice?

John Belor saw clearly the broad class nature of the strike of Local 574—the identity of interest and need for unity among all workers against their common enemy, the exploiters. 574 gave him a way to attack the iniquities of starvation amid plenty—not to gain applause nor wealth nor power for himself, but for the workers and for humanity, to satisfy his social instincts which prompted him to die gladly if thereby his group might benefit.

His was the rare privilege of realizing his ambition, of satisfying his instincts, of seeing his personal sacrifice move masses into action for the advancement of the workers' cause. To him nothing else could be more gratifying. To die as John Belor did, is enviable. Infinite honor is due him. His example shall long be our inspiration.

The M. C. C. W. calls upon its members and all unemployed to attend John Belor's funeral tomorrow.

Tomorrow Is 574's Tag Day

The tag day for the benefit of the strike relief fund will be held tomorrow. The entire city will be covered from early morning until late at night by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 574 and by their friends who have registered as taggers.

The tag day committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, composed of Mrs. Grant Dunne, Mrs. Farrell Dobbs, Mrs. Tom Smith and Mrs. Frank Leo, has announced that extra helpers will be needed and calls upon all friends who have not yet registered to come to the old headquarters at 225 South Third St. tomorrow morning at 6 a. m. ready to go to work.

Every tagger will have tags, a sealed can for collecting and a badge or sash. Districts will be assigned, as well as hours, and provisions for relief will be made.

The tag day is being held on the orders of the finance committee recently set up by the Strike Committee of 100. In view of the long duration of the strike, funds for relief must be raised at once and the tag day is expected to bring in a considerable sum for the benefit of the strikers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is preparing a list of donations thus far made to the strike relief fund.

dere emily

Thursday nite

The nashunal gards was so kind today as to give us bak our head-1/4s, and to release our leaders. provin conclusively that there just a bunch a big hearted good fellas, eh, kid. a course the kind a picketing we been doin the last fu days didnt have nothin to do with all this.

so we're bak where we belong, on good old 8 street, the commiserly is workin agin, evrything is in appul pie order, and the fight goes on.

the yellow minneapolis journal is runnin an edytorial tonite called "the beginning of the end," but it dont say whose end. i figour it must be the bosses end, which must be draggin on the ground by this time—after the fite we keep putting up against ANYTHING those pots can throw in the field. we cleaned up on their depts and thugs, they didnt get no place with their bat feet, and now weve made there soljur boys back down and scam from our head-1/4s. yep, we're drivin ahead agin now, emily, and i dont see nothin in our way that can stop us from gettin the kind of a settulment WE need, not the kind of a settulment the bosses wud like to put over us.

all of us rank-and-filers is nachoorly kinda proud a the way we carried on yestiday and this mornin, with 3 of our leaders held prisoners. it just gose to show that every last one of us can show the bosses that we no exactly what we're fiten for and are able to fite just the way our leaders wud have us fite.

but all this dont stop the journal tonite from yelpin that "now is the time for the conservative and sober minded members of the local union to take charge of that organization and lead it," and so on and so on. you dont no just how funny this is, emily. why we aint GOT no conservative elemunts in our Union. leastwise if there is such a animul, he's been made a radikal by now, do to the way the cits alliance has carried on there dirty fite.

yestiday the gards was lookin all over hell for Grant Dunne to put him in the state fare grounds, too, and the way he avaided em was just too slick for words. i cant tell ya now how Grant fooled em, but later on i will. anyway, some dish-faced pot belly of a boss come up to us in a drug store today, where we was drinkin cokes while out picketin, and asked us how that other Dunne brother kept from gettin picked up. i told em that all Grant dun was to put on a boy scout uniform and then lay around drunk all day long at the club—so evryone that he was a nashunal guard officer, and no one molestid him a tall. ya shud a seen the look on the guy's face. as we went outa the joint, i herd him talkin to the owner of the store, sayin, "it's high time the better element in this city got busy and rid the town of sich impertunance."

and so it goes, emily. dont think that us Union guys aint usin our noodles to think about things evry day a this fite, either. i recall Ray Dunne sayin a while bak that a worker must be able to draw lessuns from evry event which happens, and that is just what us workers in 574 is doin. fer instance, a fello kin very easily see from the last few months here in town that there is a class battle goin on between us workers and the bosses. just think what that means, emily. war, yes, war is what it really is, not between nashuns like America and japan or germany, but war between the rich peepul and the poor peepul. and it aint only war durin times of strikes. the more i think bak, the more i kin see that this war between the classes is goin on evry minuet of the day and night, all over, in minneapolis and frisco and toledo and washington d c and france and ingland and spain.

and the reazin this war is goin on is becuz all us workers, and we're about 90 per cent of the peepul, is being milked outa whats comin to us by the few rich pots, which amounts to only about 10 per cent a the peepul. yep, its a class war, and the only way to ever stop it is to make life so as ther aint no classes but one class. becuz if there is only one class there cant be no class war. so one of the classes has got to abolish the other, and the rich cant abolish us workers cuz then there wud be no one to do the work a the world. so what us workers, which is in the am-mense majority, has got to do is to fix it so that they aint no handful of rich pots anymore—rich pots which have snitched all the land and all the machinery and all the banks and the papers and most evrything they cud lay there hands on.

but i'm gettin so sleepy now, emily, i cant scarcely hold my eyes open any longer. good nite, kid, and rite soon.

Mike.

If anybody finds Sloan's mustache lying around, please bring it to the announcer's platform.

The Worker's Voice

Aug. 1st, 1934.

Gov. Floyd B. Olson

I have been instructed by the Wood, Wire & Metal Lathers Local No. 190 of Minneapolis, Minn., to inform you that said Local Union can find no adequate words in which to condemn your strike-breaking policy against Local No. 574 and the Minneapolis Trade Union movement as a whole, which policy of yours is clearly in the interest of the Citizens Alliance and a serious blow struck at the workers and farmers of this state in their endeavor to raise themselves from the present level of starvation in the midst of plenty.

We demand the immediate withdrawal of your troops, who now have their bayonets pointed at the body of Labor. We further demand the immediate termination of martial rule, and that if you desire to use troops then to turn their bayonets at the Citizens Alliance and the employers who refuse to accept the demands of Local No. 574.

WALTER M. FRANK, Secretary Local No. 190 Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union.

N. Y. C.

Dear Mike:

Will you convey through your column to your striking fellow-workers the deep respect and sympathy of the labor movement throughout the country.

Your splendid paper, The Organizer, is read here from beginning to end. It is unquestionably the best trade union paper this country has ever seen. I don't wonder that each issue is sold out so quickly.

After the betrayal of the San Francisco strike by the labor fakers, it is heartening to see a union with such splendid leadership as yours. Here, you have no need to fear disrupters and betrayers in your own ranks. Your enemies are from without—the bosses. This every worker in 574 knows and that is why you can count on to win.

And now for a bouquet! I've got to hand it to you. You sure put over a swell column. Emily must sure be proud of you. And I'm sure the boys of 574 appreciate you as much as we do here.

Keep up the good work. The workers throughout the country are watching your struggle for the rights of unionism and for a decent standard of living. Your victory will give courage and determination to the cause of labor everywhere. Forward to victory.

J. W.

Dear Editor:

One of the 574 boys was discussing the strike situation with a business man. This party expressed himself by saying that wrong leadership was the trouble with our organization, and explained as follows: "Our leaders are of the working class and are too honest and too much

for the boys. I have known Brown for a great number of years and he has always been as he is now. A man of the working class, a truck driver, actuated by sincere motives and not to be swerved from his purpose by threats, bribery, or coercion of any kind. If you fellows had a few clever, crooked, and corrupt politicians at your helm, maybe you could bargain your way instead of fighting it out."

We agree a good deal with the above statement, but wish to go on record as saying that we are going to win our fight for better conditions without having to resort to corrupt means of any kind. Are going to win by good clean fighting—and we thank God that we have men at our helm who can draw the above criticism from the so-called general public.

Jack McCoy.

Dear Editor:

The terms of July 25th proposed by Rev. F. J. Haas and Mr. E. H. Dunnigan have been endorsed by the Local Regional Labor Board, Governor Floyd B. Olson, the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., the special National Labor Relations Board, a secret ballot of the striking workers. The Employers Advisory Committee is the only force against these terms.

To the Strikers: Insist on the terms of July 25, and put the Citizens Alliance on the spot by public proclamation every day and day after day, and show them up without letting up on them.

Rev. Charles O. Bemis, 3436 Pleasant Ave. S.

Dear Editor:

The "great metropolitan dailies" of Minneapolis have accepted thousands of dollars from the Employers Committee for cheap, amateurish, misleading and libelling ads.

To show gratitude for these dirty dollars they have flattened themselves in the dust to lick the boots of their masters.

They have prostituted themselves by lending themselves to a misleading red scarce picturing the leaders and members of 574 as a group interested not in winning this strike for the benefit of the workers but only in fomenting a revolution and overthrowing the government for their own ends.

When Mike Johannes, at the command of the Employers Committee, conveyed a truck (with 150 pounds of goods), setting a deliberate murder trap for the pickets, murdering two men in cold blood and wounding fifty others, they applauded the act as upholding law and order.

Every news item and editorial they have published on the strike is unfair, one-sided and designed to set public opinion against the strike.

A big battle is being waged in Minneapolis today. A battle to decide whether Minneapolis shall remain an open shop city or a city of union men. Instead of rendering impartial service to the public during this battle they have decided to throw their weight in the scales to maintain the reputation of Minneapolis as the lowest-wage town north of the Mason Dixon line.

When a man takes a striking worker's place he is called a scab. When

a newspaper stabs a striker in the back, it is a scab.

The freedom of the "great metropolitan dailies" in this city is freedom to take dirty dollars from big advertisers and prostitute news and editorial columns to their service.

Union men know what to do to scabs. I call on all union men to deal properly with the three biggest, dirtiest scabs in town, and the advertisers whom pay them. Give these scabs a lesson they will never forget.

G. H., an Ex-Reporter and Friend of 574.

Dear Editor:

As day follows day, and ever more thousands of decent Minneapolis citizens come forth in support of 574's fight against the greed of the bosses, the Citizens Alliance persists in spreading its charges and rumors that 574 is fighting not American demands for decent wages and the right to organize, but for an uprising to gain control of the government by force.

Any child knows that the French Revolution, the American Revolution, the Russian Revolution were not made by trade unions, but by political parties, which 574 is not.

It has members following every political view in the United States. Secondly, revolutions are not made in single cities. They are nation-wide in scope, as the Citizens Alliance is very well aware.

No, you murderers, General Drivers Union No. 574 is not trying to bring about an "uprising." It is fighting only for the most moderate demands: decent wages, and the right of the Union to represent its members. Croak your malicious and infantile lies from the house-tops. You accomplish nothing by them. We know what to think when you spend thousands of dollars to publish lies and charges in the kept press and refuse a few cents raise in wages. It's not for the good of the workers.

T. Larsen.

Dear Friends:

I just burn up with the news of the strike the Minneapolis papers send it here. Why don't you send your bulletin to the farmers so they may know the truth? I'm sure a circular addressed to box holders won't cost much. How are the people on the outskirts to know who is right when the papers are not to be believed? I get different news from relatives who are picketing, and know better, but I don't dare say anything as few people believe me. Believe me, we farmers have our grievances too, with no one co-operating with us, and I wish you lots of luck. I hope to receive the Organizer in my mailbox soon.

(Signed) Mrs. M. O.

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