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Tyrants' Ring Shows Sign Of Crack Under Mass Blows

Four of Infamous 166 Accept Terms

It is necessary to revise the list of 166 tyrants published yesterday, because the tyrant's ring is beginning to crack up. Four firms have signed the statement accepting the Haas-Dunnigan proposal in order to get permits to move trucks. These four are:

**H. Brooks and C.
City Builders Service
Cooperman Fruit Co.
Nathanson Fruit and Produce Co.**

In addition to these four large companies, one large fish house, the Olsen Fish Co., has signed up. Thus the first signs of cracking in the fish and packing house group are also evident.

Thus the news of a revolt against the chain-bank dominated Citizens Alliance, first reported in *The Organizer* some days ago, is confirmed. The new permit system which requires acceptance of the Haas-Dunnigan plan is splitting the bosses' ranks wide open and that is why they are after an injunction.

The insistence of the leaders of 574 on making acceptance of the Haas-Dunnigan plan a prerequisite for employers asking military permits is thus proven to have been an effective move. Their demand, at first flatly rejected by Governor Olson, was forced on the latter only after a bitter struggle by the strikers and their working-class supporters. The split which is occurring among the bosses is entirely the result of the hammer blows of the mass of workers gathered behind Local 574 and to them alone all credit is due.

The influx of requests for a list of names of the tyrants whose refusal to accept the Haas-Dunnigan proposals is causing the continuation of the strike, continues at an increased rate. From all over the state letters and delegations are asking 574 for full data so that people may know how to act. By all appearances, a mighty

boycott movement is rising throughout the Northwest against the labor-hating firms back of the Employers Advisory Committee and the Citizens Alliance.

In addition to the 166 tyrants whose names were published in yesterday's *Organizer*, the following large corporations refuse to subscribe to the Haas-Dunnigan proposals which Local 574 voted to accept and which many elements and groups have characterized as the minimum fair settlement:

**Armour & Co.
Swift & Co.
Cudahy Pkg. Co.
Jacob E. Decker & Sons
Ottis F. Hilbert Co.
Geo. A. Hormel & Co.
Klingelhult & Martenson
John Morrell & Co.
North West Produce Co.
Wilson & Co.
Bergseth Fish Co.
Booth Fisheries
Canadian Fish Co.
Fish Brokerage Co.
A. S. Johnson Fish Co.
Lyon Fish Co.
Ranheim Fish Co.
The Kildall Co.**

Jewish Workers Aid 574

The total amount thus far contributed to the strike fund by Workmen's Circle branches 571, 89 and 532 is around \$300. Some of this money, in raising which branch 571 took the lead, was raised by a tag day. In addition, the Workmen's Circle branches have donated food, provided pickets, and held several public protest meetings at the Labor Lyceum.

Both in this and the May strike, the work was done with the cooperation of the District Committee of the Circle. The Madov Ladies Auxiliary has also contributed clothing and food. Other organizations of Jewish workers which have aided the strike are the St. Paul Workmen's Circle Branch 973, the Jewish Women's Council, the Jewish Men's Council and the Jewish Workers Club.

West Coast Workers Will Recall Mayors

Smarting under brutal blows similar to those delivered to the workers here, the workers of Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., are organizing to recall their Mayors.

In Portland, Mayor J. K. Carson Jr. inspired the police of the city to fierce attacks on the striking waterfront workers. He was hand-in-glove with the bosses and issued orders for tear-gas and rifle attacks on the strikers. Petitions are now being circulated by the trade union movement to get rid of Carson.

In Seattle, Mayor Charles L. Smith, who organized raids on Communist and labor headquarters and instigated vicious police brutality against the strikers, is also due for a rap. The City Council is refusing to pay deputy-thugs used against the strikers.

Bosses Set Trap To Fool Workers

In a last desperate attempt to get the strikers back to work, some of the bosses have hit upon the trick of having the workers sign a petition asking that the National Labor Relations Board hold an 'impartial' election of employees for the purpose of electing their representatives. The petition says nothing about accepting the Haas-Dunnigan proposal and says nothing about any wage scale.

Under the Haas-Dunnigan proposal, elections to determine whether the workers want Local 514 to represent them are provided for. The bosses however are not satisfied with that and think they will get the workers to come back by offering a fake election.

The Strike Committee of 100 immediately saw through the trick and appointed a committee to explain this crude trick of the bosses to the workers and to warn strikers against signing this petition and thus falling into the bosses' trap. A few workers had already been misled or coerced into signing the petition. When the nature of it was made clear to them, they immediately repudiated their signatures.

Brother Unions Rallying To 574 as Fight Goes On

Setting a new record in financial support to the historic fight of Local 574 on behalf of the entire trade union movement, Local 471 of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers last night voted an appropriation of \$6,000 for the benefit of the Strike Relief Fund.

A few days ago Typographical Union, Local No. 42, Minneapolis, donated \$1,000 to back *The Organizer*.

Other Minneapolis locals have made contributions announced from time to time in these columns. Last night a check for \$100 was also received from the Church Emergency Committee for relief of Textile Strikers in Danville, Va. This committee has its headquarters in New York City.

The donation of \$6,000 given by the Milk Wagon Drivers, who belong to the same International Union as Local 574, was made after Cliff Hall, Business Agent of 574, addressed a meeting of 500 members of the Milk Wagon Local. Following the action, Brother Hall thanked the Union for its fraternal aid so important at this time and pledged loyal solidarity on behalf of 574.

A few minutes later a crowd of strikers and sympathizers in Strike Headquarters heard the news announced over "Station 574" and greeted it with prolonged cheers.

In the May strike the milk drivers gave \$3,100 to 574's strike fund, and they have backed the present strike all the way through. Yesterday afternoon they contributed \$25 to the John Belor funeral fund. Emery Nelson, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Wagon Drivers, was one of the speakers at the open-air meeting on the night of Bloody Friday, and Pat Corcoran, Business Agent of 471, spoke at the historic Parade rally on the eve of the raids by the militia. At that time he pledged undying loyalty to the fight and urged all to stand by despite all opposition.

This new influx of support, coming at a time when Local 574 and all its members have sustained a great financial burden, is a welcome and essential aid. More than that, the

knowledge that their brother unionists are with them is tremendously heartening to the men of 574. They see these actions as a genuine and concrete expression of the many resolutions of solidarity adopted in the early stages of the strike.

The labor movement of Minneapolis is translating into practical terms its repeated affirmation that the fight of 574 is one on behalf of all the workers, organized and unorganized, in this city. Thus the Milk Wagon Drivers throw in their weight in the battle to make of Minneapolis a Union town instead of a slave town. Here is fitting answer to Joe Cochran and all other fakers who would try to deceive the workers that the fight of 574 is inimical to their interests.

Three cheers for the solidarity of all Unions!

In addition to the above contributions, yesterday saw a general influx of new support from many sources. The Polk County Farmers Holiday Association, the Big Stone County Labor Club, the San Diego County (California) Central Trades and Labor Council, the Mpls. Machinists' Union Ladies' Auxiliary, the Women's Legislative Council of Minnesota, were among those who sent money, food or resolutions of support.

Just as the bosses recognize that, in essence, 574's battle is one to save Minneapolis for Unionism and consequently an event of deep concern to all labor, so the Unions and workers in general are beginning to show by their acts that they, too, see how their fate is linked to the fate of Local 574.

SPILLING THE DIRT—A Bughouse Fable

By a lucky combination of circumstances the real issues of the strike have at last been brought out into the open. The dirty dogs at the head of Local 574 have been exposed. The Federal mediators, too. Here's the lowdown. Watch closely, and remember that the hand is quicker than the eye.

First: Joseph R. Cochran, chairman of the Employers Advisory Committee, spilled the beans in a statement issued last night. He put this here Father Haas and Mr. Dunnigan on the spot and showed them up as Communist agents "boring from within" the United States Government. He said: "If the 'Haas-Dunnigan proposals' were accepted by the employers, it would enable Local 574 to claim a victory for Communist leadership. . . Thus Communism, after all, is still the real issue in this strike."

Second: The editor of the *Organizer* was picked up and taken before the kangaroo court for questioning. The examining officer had been eating onions and drinking scab beer, and his breath was so strong that it overcame the editor and he broke down and confessed everything.

Since reports of this confession will most likely be printed in the other papers in garbled form, we publish it

here verbatim as it was really made. (A secret agent of Local 574, working as court stenographer, smuggled out a carbon copy of the original confession.) Here it is:

OFFICER: You might as well come clean now. Give us the whole dope.

EDITOR: O. K., officer, I'm willing to tell everything. But, would you mind turning your breath the other way for a minute. I'm a little bit sick.

OFFICER: Who's dis guy called Father Haas? What's the tie-up between him and Olson and youse guys?

EDITOR: His real name is Haasky. He's a Russian bolshevik, brought over here by the Brain Trust to put across a modified form of Communism through the NRA. Cochran got the goods on him, all right. His proposal of 42½ cents an hour is practically the same thing as Communism. He writes editorials for the Militant under an assumed name.

OFFICER: Spill the rest of it. What about Dunnigan, Olson, Brown and the Dunne brothers—how many of these here Dunne brothers is there all told?

EDITOR: Their real name is Dunnskoviatsky. They are Irish Jews from County Cork, smuggled into the country about six months ago dis-

guised as sacks of Irish potatoes. There are seventeen of them in Minneapolis, all the same age, and they all holler for 42½ cents an hour. They say that's the beginning of Communism, and they are all strong for it. They have a brother in New York who is a famous acrobat. He inspired the popular ballad, "The Man on the Flying Trapeze." Mr. Dunnigan's right name is Dunnigansky—a cousin of the Dunne boys and hand in glove with them on the 42½ cents an hour racket.

OFFICER: What about Brown?

EDITOR: He's a Jew named Bronstein, a fish peddler from the east side of New York. He came here a few weeks ago and tried to sell Bismark herring down at the market. Then he lined up with the Dunnskoviatskys and muscled into the union racket, and got himself elected president of Local 574. He's sitting pretty now and doesn't have to peddle herring any more. By the way, he is a son of Leon Bronstein—that's the original name of this guy Trotsky that started all the trouble over in Russia.

OFFICER: How about Governor Olson? He's in wit youse guys in the Communist racket, ain't he?

EDITOR: Sure! That's the slickest part of the whole game. That guy's a

card. His right name is not Olson, and he's not a Swede either—that's just a gag to get the Scandinavian vote. He's a Russian importation—direct from Moscow—and his real name is Olsonovich. He's been a big help to the strike. That raid he pulled off at the union headquarters, and the throwing of the pickets into the stockade, was all a trick to get sympathy for the strikers.

OFFICER: This is gettin' too deep for me. Who cooked up this whole scheme, anyway?

EDITOR: Well, to tell the truth, it was all planned out in Constantinople a few months ago. Some of the boys worked a week driving trucks and saved up enough money to take a trip to Europe. They went over to Constantinople to see Trotsky and get instructions for their next move. Trotsky said: "Boys, I want a revolution in Minneapolis before snow flies." They said "O. K." and started to leave.

Just as they were about to take the boat, Vincent Dunne stepped up to old man Trotsky and said: "What's your last word of advice before we go?"

OFFICER: What did Trotsky say?

EDITOR: He said: "Boys, keep your eye on Olsonovich. He is liable to double cross you any minute."

News and Views

Somehow or other in the rush of reporting the rapid-fire events of a week ago, The Organizer never mentioned the raids conducted by the National Guard on the Cooks and Waiters Union offices, where the 574 picket staff was functioning for a while, and on our own old offices at 225 S. Third St. That makes four separate places we were driven out of within a few hours—all for our own benefit, of course.

Do you all know that George Dayton is such a pious Christian that on Sunday nights his department store windows are darkened although all others are lighted? And do you know that he is one of the worst labor-sweaters in this town? And do you know that he plays a leading role in the crowd who are forcing this strike to go on? And do you buy at Dayton's?

Brothers Speed Wachter and Christianson were released from the stockade yesterday. Moe Hork is training for a job as "mediator" by making two trips daily to the stockade to see about releases.

A blue-blooded canary bird with a purple ribbon won in a canary show (did you ever see the like of that?) and a gold-rimmed diploma is being raffled. Sonny Boy is his name. Chances are a dime; the income is for the strike fund. The raffle ends tomorrow night. Step right up to the microphone and buy a chance.

The donation from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Machinists Local was from the Minneapolis body, not from St. Paul. Excuse us, Minneapolis sisters, for the error. And St. Paul sisters, why don't you climb on the bandwagon? Not a worker should be absent.

Harvey Bonam of 574 runs the only all-Union package delivery service in the city: the Minneapolis-St. Paul Package Delivery Service. Today he picked up 75 new customers, who refuse to deal with any but all-Union houses since the recent developments.

There are only three Bovey Brothers left in the stockade. All told there are six Boveys and three Bovey brothers-in-law in 574!

Where is Handsome Chuck Cabana? Watch that man, Lillian!

The Women's Legislative Council of Minnesota with headquarters in this city has endorsed the strike and urged all consumers to patronize the farmers' market at Tenth and Hawthorn Ave. where consumers can buy direct from the farm producer and put a kink in the anti-labor bosses.

N. M. Auge, 5629 43rd Ave., is indignant because the Citizens Alliance brigands are claiming credit for the money they force their employees to put up for the Community Fund. The workers pay the bill and the bosses get the publicity. He points out that if they would pay a decent wage there would be no need for a Community Fund. Instead they pay a rotten wage and then tax it to support the starving.

Is our strike popular, or is it popular? Even the post-master in charge of the post-office where our Organizers are mailed out to brother Unions is with us all the way. He has requested that we bring him an Organizer every day so he can keep up with us. Today he asked, "Who are these employers holding up the settlement?" We pointed out the list to him. "That's ALL I want to know," said he. "They'll get no more of MY trade."

And if Mr. Cochran wants a free shave, several barbers have volunteered to do the job. And the kind of job they are willing to do sounds quite useful and constructive to us.

Otis Shugren is almost up and at 'em again. He had his first meal Tuesday. That's the spirit!

County Commissioner Art Noot has donated \$5 to the Strike Relief Fund through the Workmen's Circle Tag Day.

Pete Thelen, who joined 574 during the May strike, died at General hospital, August 6, from acute pericarditis. He was 27 years old.

Mooney Makes New Appeal

On the eighteenth anniversary of his arrest for complicity in the Preparedness Day bombing of July 22, 1916, Tom Mooney, through his attorney, Leo Gallagher, filed application for a pardon with Governor Frank Merriam.

Attached to the application is the mass of evidence of his innocence, presented to previous governors.

Mooney's statement follows: "Eighteen years from the day I was arrested, and seventeen years after the evidence against me was exposed as perjured, I am again compelled to appeal for the fifth time to a governor of California for executive clemency. * * *

"On May 24, 1933, over tremendous opposition, I forced my case again before a court and jury. I stipulated that where witnesses were dead or unavailable the State might use all the evidence used at my prior trial, provided I was allowed to disprove it. The District Attorney who was elected on his promise to do justice by me, did not dare to present the evidence to a jury, fearing an exposure of the whole monstrous vicious frameup. He publicly states that all witnesses available had been thoroughly impeached and discredited. All material witnesses to my prior conviction were available except Oxman, and this perjurer has been discredited and condemned by everyone without exception. The District Attorney, over my most earnest protest, asked for an advised verdict, which was given—thus making impossible the exposure before a jury of the whole frameup."

Wisconsin Farmers Send Aid

Yesterday a truckload of butter, eggs, rutabagas and all sorts of good supplies for the Commissary rolled in from the Polk County Farmers' Holiday Association of Wisconsin. D. D. Kennedy is its president. George A. Nelson, its secretary, writes us that the vegetables may not be up to snuff because of the drouth. They were fine, brother farmers, and we appreciate this sentiment in your letter that "some day in the near future the bonds of human sympathy will bind together all working men and women of all nations in one common brotherhood."

Big Stone Backs Strike

Offering to put all their forces at the disposal of the Strike Committee of 100, a delegation of five visited strike headquarters yesterday morning on behalf of the workers of Big Stone County.

The five delegates, hailing from Ortonville, in the extreme western part of the state, brought with them a message of solidarity from the Big Stone Labor Club. They stated that practically the entire population of the county is ready to take the orders of the Strike Committee in order to win the strike and smash the Citizens Alliance. They say they want to know who the 166 tyrants are, so that they can plan their purchases accordingly. They also requested instructions for picketing, suggesting that the picket line on Minneapolis trucks might well be extended to the borders of the state or beyond.

The Big Stone County delegation also informed the strike committee that they are in touch with several labor clubs and other groups just over the Dakota line. These Dakota clubs have also asked for information as to how they can help the strike.

Hospital Notes

Eugene Crooker, the bystander who was injured in the fray on Bloody Friday will be up in a wheel chair Wednesday. His father said that he will never be able to keep the boy away from this place after he is out of the hospital. Eugene wants the boys to keep up their courage. It begins to look as though these boys are afraid the fight will be over before they are able to get back into it again.

Clarence Nelson has had a lot of hard luck lately. During the last strike he was taken to the hospital with a ruptured appendix. He was discharged just two days before this strike began. The first night of this one he was run over by a freight train and lost a foot. He is at the Eitel hospital, and at the latest report is doing nicely.

Both our patients at the General, Otto Lyndahl and Roy Repeau are in poor condition.

The Workers' Voice

Dear Editor:

In your article on the Continental Baking Co. some important facts were left out. They pay wages of \$12 a week. And they have stopped using pay checks because they want no evidence around as to how little they pay. Al Fawler and Maurer, who run it, are out-of-towners, which is no crime I suppose when they are exploiters but only if they were "agitators." They do not believe in wages, but they like to charge wartime prices for bread. If something is not done soon about these conditions we will have to do something ourselves.

—A law-abiding citizen who belongs to no organization. (Editor's Note: You should join a trade union at once, bring into it the spirit of fight which is 574's, and then you will be able to do something.)

Worthy Organizer:

More power and more glory to the united drivers who are blazing the trail for freedom and justice! The hearts and brains of many, as yet slaves in industries, are with them.

The great sacrifices and baptisms in blood are not lost. The indomitable power of the spirit will break down the walls of selfishness and cruelty of the exploiters who gorge on their ill-gotten gains.

Insatiable monsters of greed—your days are numbered. You can not hold back the tide of the new age—which will reveal a greater degree of the majesty and power of the soul.

I have visited the drivers' headquarters on 8th St. several times and found the morale high and inspiring. —A Working Woman.

Dear Editor:

I hope this gets to you in time to run in today's issue. I just read the leading editorial in the Minneapolis Yournal and it makes my blood boil. They have words of greasy praise for Brigadier General Frank E. Reed who refused to take the command of the militia because he could not act unless he was "free to restore law and order." By this Reed meant, as he explained, that "If I were not permitted to let trucks operate, I could not conscientiously act as troop commander and I therefore asked to be relieved." They praise him because he is "a

general with a conscience."

As for General Reed or District Judge Reed or whatever he is now, we want to ask whether his conscience ever troubles him due to the fact that truck drivers with families of six are being paid \$12 a week for 60 hours work? Oh, no. They are just workers and not fit for anything better. How long are we going to tolerate a system which defines "conscience" in the terms of the Minneapolis Yournal? It is revolting. J. T. F., petroleum driver.

Dear Editor:

I'm a pretty young fellow compared to some, and I guess I've got about 40 or 50 years of living to do, and I've been wondering whether I should be glad about it or not. If I'm going to have to slave away for nothing, without a decent chance to enjoy all the splendid natural beauties on the face of this earth, and if I can't enjoy the fruits of mankind's labor, what's the use of being young? It means I've got that much longer to be a slave.

If I have to take what they gave Ness, it's better than being a slave, any day.

I'm not afraid to realize that I belong to the working class now, because men like Ness and Bell and Happy and Brown and the Dunnes and all the 574 men belong to that class. I feel deep down, and I have good evidence to prove that they will fight to the last as brothers and comrades.

Volunteer Picket.

'Organizer' to Sell Ad Space

Responding to the suggestions of a number of friendly small merchants who handle Union label products and have largely union members among their customers, The Organizer will henceforth adopt the policy of selling advertising space. The proceeds will go to the Strike Relief Fund.

By order of the Strike Committee of 100, advertisements will be accepted only from sources satisfactory to the labor movement as a whole. No attempt will be made to compete with any other trade union paper in taking ads. The Organizer is appearing as a daily only for the period of the strike and the advertising rates set are only for that period.

A special advertising department has been set up under the supervision of a sub-committee appointed by the Committee of 100. The members of the sub-committee, who will cooperate with Cliff Hall, Business Agent, are Grant Dunne, Chairman; Farrell Dobbs, Editor of The Organizer; Elmer Crowl and Lew Shores of the Strike Committee, and Herbert Solow, correspondent for the New York Nation, who has been acting as Managing Editor of The Organizer ever since the strike began. Brothers Crowl and Shores will take active charge of the new department.

The Organizer is read by almost 150,000 people daily. They are largely trade union members and workers in general who are friendly to the trade union movement. The appearance of an ad in The Organizer will indicate that the advertiser employs union labor and will have great influence on a large section of the city's buyers when they come to spend their wages.

The Organizer is now printing editions of more than 12,000 copies daily and has set a moderate rate for space. The basic rate will be \$1.00 per column-inch insertion. Full rates are quoted in the announcement printed elsewhere on this page.

San Diego Is Against Troops

On the same day that a check for \$100 comes in to the strike fund from New York, a letter of support is received from the San Diego County (California) Trades and Labor Council giving support to the historic battle of 574. Our San Diego trade union brothers have sent to Governor Olson a resolution adopted unanimously by their central body on August 1. This resolution, which is signed by A. C. Rogers, Secretary, reads as follows:

"We vigorously protest your action in declaring martial law to smash the strike of the truck drivers and urgently request the immediate withdrawal of the National Guard troops. We particularly protest the action of the National Guard in raiding the two headquarters of the Union strikers. We recognize this action as the beginning of a move to outlaw and suppress all militant and independent action on the part of trade unions."

In California they have just been through a recent experience with the National Guard, the so-called "protection of law and order," and a Red scare, and the trade unionists out there understand a few things. From coast to coast we stand solidly together. Thanks for your aid, brothers!

Laundry Workers to Meet

A closed membership meeting of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union will be held tomorrow night at 225 South Third St., the headquarters of Local 574. A report will be made by the committee now engaged in conducting negotiations with the bosses. Today's session with the bosses' committee was postponed until August 15 but important business will be up tomorrow night. The meeting starts promptly at 8 p. m.

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The Organizer has a daily edition of 12,000 copies. These copies are read by at least 150,000 people, especially trade unionists and workers in general. As part of the labor movement, our readers are disposed to spend their money in stores friendly to the movement. Advertisements in The Organizer will thus have a serious influence upon their selection of stores, theaters, service corporations, etc.

RATES

The standard rate for ordinary advertising is \$1.50 per column-inch daily. For more than one insertion, the rate is \$1.00 per column-inch. For advertisements of four column-inches or more, a 10 percent discount is allowed.

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Advertise in The Organizer and The Minneapolis Labor Review. Through them you will reach the labor-consumer!

dere emily

Tuesday

dere emily, well, kid, here it is 3 weeks since we bin out, with the Union still standin 4 square to all opposishun. A guy mite well ask, "what manner a men are these here minneapolis strikers that they kin go up against everything the bosses kin throw in the field against them—cops, depts, finks, thugs and soljurs, raids and imprisonments—yes, and dirty lies in the papers and over the radio—and cum up stronger evry time, with more sympathy from the peepul?"

an the only anser is, emily, that us workers wuz kicked in the face so much the last few years that wuz relized that the ONLY way out for us, if we are ever to be more than slaves, was for us to organize. to organize big, and to get in leaders that wouldnt ever sell us out, but wud no what it wuz all about, and wud not try to nuckle under to the bosses like most a the labor fakirs does but wud stand up and fite em just like they sit up in there mahogany chairs in the banks and offices and fite us. an thats just the kinda leaders we got, evry last 1 a them, an we all no it and are willin to bak em to the limit. and so that is why old 574 is able to move ahed like it does and why we're able to keep rite on movin until this fite is won.

like today a guy that showfers out at lake minnetonky for sum rich pot wuz in and tells us that the pillsberries, thats one a the big flour-mill families that has made millions out a the sweat a the farmers and the workers, has a home out at the lake and only has 5 sailboats. just think a that, emily, this needy family has only got 5 sailboats to its name. now how in hell, new deal or no new deal, kin a family get along on only 5 sailboats? i think its outrajus. someone oughta ask congress to do sumpin about it, or rite a letter to the journal. why it makes me burn up evry time i think a these downtrodden pillsberries sweatin there lifes away on these 5 sailboats out at the lake when here is us truck drivers livin in town like princes and doin nothin the livelong day but lollin around on the bizness end of a mack truck havin a fine time jugglin 100 lb. crates. here we are, emily, praktikly wallowin in luxury, ya mite say, exercisin our mussels from morn til nite on a ten-toner. and there they are, the pillsberries and the rest of the bosses families, having to live way out at the lake in there mean huvvels, and strugglin along as best they kin with there 5 measly sailboats per family. why i'm blest if i see why they put up with such conditions for a minit. no wonder they is seshul outcasts, and pariahs. now wonder us guys in 574 wont have nothin to do with them, when they wont do nothin to help therselfs. no wonder that when i gets a invitashun sayin, "Missus whozis requests the presents of Mike Ryan at a daibutanty tea on the 14 of the month for there dotter Trilium," that i just turns it over to my soshul secertery and tells em to say i am sorry but i cant make it, as i have a pressin ingagemint with my taler.

its stuff like this, emily, that makes us truck drivers relize that sumthin is lousy in denmark, as shakespeare says, and by god, its stuff just like this that has made evry last son of us vow that we'll never give up until the Union kin get us a decent livin. you no, emily, i bin doin a lot a thinkin lately about one speshul force that we've had to g up aginst in this last strike. and thats the government, yessir, the government of the city and the government a the state. now evry one nos that there is more citizens fitin on our side than what there is on the bosses side. and evry one nos that we need what little we're askin lots more than the bosses, which is rich, does. and yet why duz it that the city government didnt step in to help the Union but insted sicked there murderin cops on to us for the good a the bosses, and to hurt us. and why did Olson arest OUR leaders but not the leaders a the bosses, like cochran and strong and so on. i bin thinkin and thinkin on this, emily, and do ya no what i cum to see. that the government is ALLUS on the side a the bosses! that as a matter a fact the only reason there IS a government is so as to run things FOR the bosses and AGAINST the workers. i mind how in skool—what little schoolin i wuz able to get, me havin to get out and hustle for Ma and the kids after Pa wuz bumped off in the auto factory—we wuz all taut that the government here in America represents ALL the peepul. after the last few weeks, do you no what i say to this emily. i say just what that Alber Goldman, our lawyer, said last nite at the parade grounds—baloney! NO diffrent. so ya see, emily, I'm gettin so as i kin do just what Skogr and the rest a our leaders sez all us workers must do—begin to lern to draw lessuns from the day-ta-day fite i smell hot coffee sizzlin up in the comiserly, kid, so i'll end here. bu i think a you evry minute.

Yours,

Mike

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