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# Bosses Again Are Chiseling

## Bosses Find Rev. Haas Red Want New Mediator; Union Won't Budge

Stretching the red scare out so wide and thin that it is coming through in spots, the bosses have now demanded that the Rev. F. J. Haas and Commissioner E. H. Dunnigan, Federal mediators who devised the Haas-Dunnigan compromise plan accepted by the strikers and rejected by the bosses, be recalled to Washington.

The bosses charge that the Federal mediators are "playing into the hands of the radical leadership of the truck drivers' union." An effort is being made now to convince the general public that the Rev. Haas and Dunnigan are agents of Communist conspirators trying to precipitate an armed insurrection in Minneapolis. Telegrams have been sent by the bosses to President Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and the National Labor Relations Board demanding that new mediators be substituted.

Asked to comment on this development, Union leaders laughed. President Bill Brown said that he is "practically convinced that the rumor that Father Haas is a paid Communist agent is grossly exaggerated." Vincent R. Dunne, member of the Organizing Committee of Local 574, agreed with this estimate and added the following remarks:

"The bosses can ask for new mediators any time they want. We did not bring Mr. Dunnigan or the Rev. Haas here. The bosses have shown a good deal of agility in jumping from one trapeze to another throughout the strike. If they want to do some more jumping that is their business. But the Union and the Strike Committee and the strikers serve notice now that no matter how many mediators take the long and weary trip from Washington, D. C., to Minneapolis, we stand on the Haas-Dunnigan plan and we will not budge one inch from it. We hope that that is clear enough."

## Laundry Drivers Are Covered by H-D Plan

A last-minute attempt by the laundry and dry cleaning employers to define "salesmen" so as to exclude laundry and cleaning truck drivers from the provisions of the Haas-Dunnigan plan, was foiled last night. A committee from the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union called on Governor Olson and insisted on all such drivers being classed as drivers rather than as salesmen.

A full list of laundry and dry cleaning establishments and cleaning houses which have accepted the Haas-Dunnigan plan and therefore get permits to move trucks, follows:  
Mill City Launderers and Cleaners  
Crystal Co-operative Cleaners  
Sunshine Laundry  
Progressive Laundry  
Master Cleaners  
Whitney Cleaners  
Advance Tower Laundry  
Prosperity Cleaners

## Outdoor Meeting Held

A meeting was held last night on the lot back of Strike Headquarters. This was the first open-air rally at Headquarters since martial law went into effect. Among the speakers were Ray Dunne, Farrell Dobbs, Carl Skoglund, Elmer Crowl, Herbert Sol-

## Martial Law and Federal Injunctions

At the present time the lawyers for the employers and the legal representatives of Governor Olson are arguing the question of martial law in the Federal court. The union is not a party to this legal dispute, and we don't profess to know what the decision of the court will be. Our policy is completely independent of the decisions and whims of judges and governors. Let them talk—but keep the picket line in shape—that's the philosophy of Local 574.

However, the injunction suit has a number of interesting angles which are worth comment. The biggest laugh in the whole business was the petition of the bosses for relief from martial law because some of their trucks were tied up. "It's violating constitutional rights," they bawled, and they announced they were going to make a legal fight. Not on account of the money involved, mind you—the bosses never bother about such sordid details—but just for the principle of the thing. These birds never had a thought about anything but principles and constitutional rights when they filed the injunction suit!

A few days before the militia really overrode the constitutional rights of the strikers—the union headquarters was taken over, leaders and members of the union were thrown into the stockade, private homes were invaded, and a general reign of military terror was instituted. Did these employers make any protest? Did they complain about the violation of constitutional rights when men and women of the working class were concerned? Not on your tintype. Everything was hunky-dory with the bosses when martial law showed its ugliest

face in Minneapolis. If they didn't directly order the raids—that's possible, we know very well that most of the officers of the National Guard are tied up with the Citizens Alliance in a hundred ways, they knew all about them, approved the violent suppression of workers' rights, and slept soundly that night. Only when a twist of Olson's policy put the military squeeze on truck movements—only then did the hypocritical employers discover a great indignation about constitutional rights and human freedom in general.

We do not know what the decision of the Federal judges will be. Our demand, now as before, is that our members be released from the military stockade and that our pickets be free from military interference. We never asked for martial law and we don't want it now.

Local 574 is perfectly capable of stopping scab truck movements without military aid. Before martial law was declared the town was tied up by the pickets of Local 574. If martial law is eliminated today by Federal injunction the town will be tied up again tomorrow—by the pickets of Local 574.

The legal squabble between the Governor and the employers is a private affair of their own. Nothing that happens or fails to happen there can seriously affect our course. The fundamental line of Local 574 is—the militant and independent struggle of the workers.

In peace or war, martial law or no martial law, we hold to that policy. We tell the workers always: rely on your own strength; there all the power lies. With this policy we are invincible.

## Advertise in the Organizer

Today the new policy of publishing advertising in **The Organizer** goes into effect. The proceeds will be used to publish our daily strike bulletin and for the benefit of the strike relief fund. Workers will note with satisfaction that some business men are already advertising in our paper. Members of 574 and their great mass of sympathizers, at least 150,000 of whom read this bulletin six times a week, will go out of their way to spend money with the firms that recognize **The Organizer**.

For the first time in the history of the American labor movement, a local union is publishing its own daily paper. The old game of demoralizing a strike by the propaganda of the kept press does not work against 574. Every day the truth is brought out by the Strike Committee in its own organ, and laid before the working people. Our daily bulletin is our strongest weapon. It is the apple of the workers' eye. And this goes for more than just the strikers. In every part of town where workers gather, among railroad men and printers, and carpenters, and mill hands, indeed, among workers of every craft, is to be heard daily praise of **The Organizer**.

The workers of Minneapolis will always have a soft spot in their heart for those who helped to keep **The Organizer** going, just as they will remember the enemies who have tried in many and devious ways to suppress it.

Our first word of hearty appreciation goes to Typographical Union 42. When these brothers heard about the various conspiratorial at-

tempts to gag **The Organizer**, they laid \$1,000 on the line and said: "**The Organizer** must appear." The Typographical workers of Minneapolis spell Solidarity with a capital "S."

**The Organizer** has increased its circulation from 10,000 copies to 12,000 in the last few days. Now we aim to put it on a paying basis and through it to help the strike relief fund.

This fight is not only for the benefit of the members of 574. The whole labor movement of the city has repeatedly recognized that it is the concern of the whole labor movement. Many small business men whose customers are largely workers are vitally concerned in the outcome of this strike. They can not sell to men who get starvation wages. They are the ones who will lead in advertising in **The Organizer**.

Go to the man you are in the habit of trading with. Explain to him the meaning of our fight, the nature of our paper, and the importance to him of advertising in it. Point out to him that every one of our 12,000 copies is passed from hand to hand by readers to whom this is no ordinary newspaper, but an echo of their own innermost thoughts. Refer him to our advertising department. Thus you will help the fight in another way, as you already have in so many.

And when the fight is won we will have a big celebration and a roll call. The business men who advertise in **The Organizer** will get the gravy when the boys get back to work under union conditions and at union wages.

## Using Permits For "Bootleg"

### Strikers Resent Evasion of H-D Agreement

Intense resentment is felt by strikers and their sympathizers as they notice that chiseling has begun again despite the new permit system which is supposed to limit the movement of trucks to those owned by employers accepting the Haas-Dunnigan proposal.

A number of small transfer firms were among the first to accept the Haas-Dunnigan proposal under the system instituted Monday. They immediately received military permits to conduct their business. It has now been discovered that, in addition to doing their own regular business, they are secretly hauling for market firms which have refused to accept the Haas-Dunnigan plan, as well as for a number of firms belonging to the infamous 166 tyrants who forced the strike on Local 574 and are now making impossible its settlement.

In addition to this type of chiseling, the Colonial Warehouse and Pratt's Express are running a large number of trucks under special permits covering interstate commerce. These two firms are among the 166 who regard the payment of 42½ cents an hour as Communism, and flatly refuse to sign the Haas-Dunnigan agreement which has been endorsed by the Federal and State governments. As the new permit system was originally understood, they would not be permitted to do much of the hauling which they are now doing. Such truck movements amount to "legal" chiseling with the connivance of the military authorities who issue permits for truck movement.

Furthermore, the strike committee has reports of manufacturing firms which ordinarily move their own products in their own trucks, hiding under the military permits granted to small transfer companies which signed the Haas-Dunnigan agreement. This may be legitimate from a martial law standpoint, but as far as Local 574 is concerned, it is just another form of chiseling.

It is such practices as these which are among the reasons why Local 574 has consistently opposed the presence in the city of the National Guard and the martial law regime. The bosses are today fighting martial law because it inconveniences them. They have to use various tricks in order to evade a settlement and to move scab trucks. The strikers are opposed to martial law because the military permit system is full of loopholes and enables the bosses to chisel in a dozen different ways.

The reports of chiseling activities come from various sources. Members of 574 engaged in legitimate operations on a union basis have given us some of the information. Workers at the railroad terminals have also phoned in to strike headquarters to reveal the chiseling activities and to state that they are ready to co-operate in putting a stop to them.

## Broadcast Tonight

The Bosses' Lies Over the Bosses  
Radio Station

The Truth About the Drivers'  
Strike Over the "Mike"  
at "Station 574"

All Out at 215 So. 8th St.  
at 8:30 p. m.



News and Views

One of the boys called up Hemple Transfer and asked them to move a load. Hemple said they could not because they had no permit.

Today is your last chance to buy a chance on the extraordinary canary bird being raffled off by the announcer. So far 107 chances have been raffled off.

Big Bob was driving a truck the other day out near Hinckley. He ran over something and sniffed. He thought it must be a skunk.

At the request of the farmers around Hinckley, Bill Brown is going out Sunday at 1 p. m. to address the Farmers Holiday Association of Pine County.

Mrs. Carle, Chairman of the Commissary, has been working steadily day and night ever since the strike began. It is to her that goes a large share of the credit for the efficient and sanitary operation of the Commissary.

Moe Hork is delighted to report that Frank Leo is now out of the stockade. Welcome back to the ranks, Frank, old brother.

Art Sloan notes that Joe Cochran in his speech over the radio last night used the word Communist 25 times in 15 minutes. Figured out at the usual advertising rates, this cost the Citizens Alliance about \$500.

Our Managing Editor ran into a friend from Nebraska yesterday. The friend reports that one Nebraska newspaper which gets the usual boss propaganda stated that in the truck strike in Minneapolis the drivers broke the legs of hundreds of horses.

A new Far North Branch of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers is to be set up shortly.

The "pro-Labor" Minneapolis Star gives a lot of space to the racketeering bunk about the so-called "Minneapolis Protective Committee" which is supposed to be a new organization of "neural citizens" but which is really just another alias for that much-disguised gang of bandits, the Citizens Alliance.

Brother Schirts, who came out of the hospital just in time to have a Jersey Ice Cream scab shoot him, is recovering from his wounds.

Clem Forsen, Secretary of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, asks that all donations, and payments of fees to the MCCW be receipted for by him or by Andy Cooper, Treasurer. This is not necessary for donations to the branch treasuries.

In the rush of events last week, we forgot to record that story of the timid president of a chain bank who phoned his wife and told her to stay indoors and lock all the windows and doors. He confided that he was scared still; that a revolution might come any minute now.

Exposes Move To Split Ranks Militia Used to Divide ERA from 574

An important document has come to light on how the bosses try to split the workers and separate the unemployed from the employed. Bulletin No. 27 of the Minneapolis Emergency Relief Administration, July 27, 1934, addressed: "To all Department Heads in Charge of Projects Under ERA," reads as follows:

SUBJECT: MARTIAL LAW "This will inform you that military authorities have defined all ERA work projects as government functions, and that everyone working on those projects, including trucks and truck owners, whether they be city-owned or privately owned trucks, are considered a part of the governmental functions, and, therefore, are authorized to operate without interference and are entitled to the protection provided by the Militia."

"In the event interference is encountered, any job foreman, timekeeper, or other person in authority is instructed to call Bridgeport 4171 and ask for the Provost Marshal, who will immediately send a flying squadron to suppress the demonstration.

"If possible, get the names, addresses, or any information regarding the pickets. If this is impossible, at least get license numbers of the vehicles in which they are traveling. Also, get statements from men threatened or interfered with in any way—this information is to be written and will be forwarded to the office of the military authorities to aid them in getting at the root of the trouble and in apprehending agitators."

It is hardly necessary to comment on these words. This open attempt of the Relief Administration to try to play the ERA workers against the members of 574 and use them to break the strike shows the ERA workers where the administration stands. The bosses have learned from the splendid way in which the unemployed supported the strikers in Toledo and helped them to win their fight, to fear a repetition of this solidarity in Minneapolis. The unemployed and many ERA workers have played no small role in the struggle of Local 574. The ERA workers, far from aiding in "apprehending agitators," welcomed 574 men when they came out with the "Organizer" and contributed the few pennies that their miserable relief salaries permits them to.

Hundreds of the destitute men on the ERA jobs have joined the MCCW and are becoming active in its ranks. This is the best answer they can give to this dastardly attempt to pit brother against brother of the working class.

The Independent Union of All Workers in Austin, which has aided the 574 Strike Relief Fund, just elected new officers for the year. Claude Moore is the new President and Joe Voorhees the new business agent. Moore works in the packing plant, now on strike, and Voorhees is a former high school teacher in Austin who now works for Hormel.

With a bit of pardonable snickering, we notice that the flushed and panting bosses have switched their campaign of lies from the newspapers to the radio. But why, we ask, do they play the same record each evening over WCCO? Surely the Mr. Beckwith who mumbled on the air last evening must be Mr. Cochran gassing under an assumed name. At least he smells the same.

MCCW Branch Meetings Thursday—1426 6th Ave. N. 8 p. m. Friday—215 S. 8th St. 8 p. m. More branches are being formed. MCCW Headquarters are now at 215 S. 8th St.

LOST—By the Reporter: Waterman fountain pen, decorated with silver and initialed H. S. S. Please return to Dispatcher at Strike Headquarters.

PATRONIZE ORGANIZER ADVERTISERS

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THE TRUCK DRIVER'S PRAYER By T-Bone Skm Oh, hear my humble cry, Oh Lord, And send us down some decent board, Brown gravy and some German fried, With sliced tomatoes on the side. Observe me on my bended legs, I'm asking you for ham and eggs; And if thou havest custard pies, I like, dear Lord, the largest size. Oh, hear me Lord, I am praying still, And if you won't, our Union will, Put pork chops on the bill of fare And starve no workers anywhere.

Correspondence

The Organizer Gentlemen: I have just been visiting with a member of 574 who drives for National Tea. He gave me a copy of your August 6th issue.

You know out here in the country it's hard to get head or tail of this strike business. The general impression, I think, is that you are a bunch of reds who import thugs and what not from away to club the employers into submission. Frankly, I do not know who is right. I read such papers as the New Republic and The Nation which always seem to take your part and who give information that is not found in the daily press. The man I talked to seems to be a fine fellow and states that all you want is a decent wage. Further I have found nothing out of the way in your August 6 Organizer.

The real purpose of this letter is to inclose 25c for which send me future issues of the Organizer until the amount has been used. I suppose it seems like a pretty small amount but you know we have our troubles too. Anyway your paper will get plenty of publicity. Yours very truly, G.

(The above letter comes from G., who is a small merchant in Waterville, Minn. He signed his name to the letter, and if he wants his name to appear in print we will gladly give it. For the moment, however, we are withholding it because we know the bankers are out to smash such people who are friendly to the workers.)

Dear Editor: I think that in view of Joe Cochran's radio heat, it is time to reaffirm 574's traditional position as to what the real strike issues are. It was well expressed in The Organizer early in this strike, as follows:

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

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

"To the bosses we say this: 'We want better wages. We want decent conditions. We want our Union recognized.

"Those are the issues in this strike. 'Communism is not an issue in this strike.

"Stick to the issues! 'We'll stick to the picket line! 'Someone must back down. And it won't be the workers of Minneapolis!"

—A Farmer-Labor Striker

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letters to dere emily

Wednesday dere emily,

one thing that i lern't in this strike, emily—a thing that it is peticularly hard for an Irishman to learn—is that all workers are treated exactly the same by the bosses, no matter what there nashunality is. And fer that very reezun, all us workers must stick together and fite, sholder to sholder, against the bosses. why in old 574 we got workers of evry, descriphshun and nashunality almost. irish and german and eyetalayan and indian and greke and negro and frenchies and inglish and scotch and rushins and jewish and americans. and me, i like em all and respekt em, and feel brotherly towards evry last one a them. becuz i no darn well by now that when mister fatpants, the boss, goes to hire a worker, he dont say to the forman, "john, today lets take it out a the eyetalians. we'll pick on that race for a change and bleed them and swet them and work them double and pay them half." nosir, emily, mister fatpants dont do that. what he says to john is, "hire any worker if we need more help, john. i dont care WHO ya hire just so hes strong and willin and wont talk bak."

thats what mister fatpants says and thats what he thinks. and so all us workers relize that nashunality dont mean nothin to a worker and that we gotta have solidarity of all races aginst the bosses, which has got mosta the races on there side too. i dont ask myself no more, kid, whether a guy is a jew or a negro or a rushin or a indian. i ask myself whether he is a worker or a boss. and if he's a worker and willing to fite, why i excep him as a brother just like he excep me as a brother, and no questshuns asked on either side. which also explanes to me why the bosses are allus tryin to stir up hatrid amongst the races so as to split our ranks and make it easier for them to smash us. like they do up on the range between the poles and the eyetalians, fer instance, or down south between the negros and the whites, or in the east and in germny aginst the jews. this is just one more big truth that i bin taut while in old 574, and believe me, kid, i aint ever forgettin it.

say, emily, cast yure lamps over the hedline in the Organizer which is inclosed. six thousin smacks from the milk drivers, giv to help us in our fite. honest injun, kid, when i herd about this i just sat rite down and a big lump cum in my throat. workers stickin together like this, helpin one another aginst the guys which is the enames of all the workers, doin picket duty, kickin in to the strike fund, donatin food, sellin Organizers and so on! hell, emily, when us workers bat for one another like this, no wonder the bosses is down on there nees. i got a new word for workers fitin each others battles. i calls it comradly, which means that we all re-

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