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Injunction Is Refused

574 Does Not Find Troops a Blessing

The action of the Federal Court judges this morning in refusing the bosses' demand for an injunction temporarily enables Governor Olson to keep his troops in Minneapolis. Whether the bosses will appeal to the United States Supreme Court is still not decided, but in any case the troops will stay on for some time.

The Federal Court decision, however, in no way undoes the injury that the troops have done to the strikers in the past, nor does it restrain them from hampering us today. On the very day the decision of the Federal judges is handed down, three pickets are convicted by the military court and sentenced for the crime of riding in an automobile.

This and many other facts make it clear that the presence of the troops is far from being a benefit to the strike. About 120 of our best brothers are still rotting in the stockade and the picket line as a whole is subjected to a thousand restraints.

The notion is spread about by some who do not examine the situation closely, that the soldiers are doing our picketing for us and that this is a benefit. It might be if it were true, but the soldiers do not picket the way 574 does. Otherwise there would not be so much chiseling as they call it or scabbing as we call it.

This chiseling is definitely on the increase as reports from our

Thugs Attack Strikers Transporting Organizers

At about 10:15 p. m. last night, Brother Randall, who was detailed to bring the last load of yesterday's Organizers from the printer to headquarters, was attacked in the alley next to the plant which prints The Organizer by two men. According to Brother Randall, they were hard-looking yeggs whom he had never seen in town before. Indications are that the bosses are again intensifying their campaign to smash The Organizer, and that they are now using the Bergoff thugs imported from New York to this end.

Brother Randall fought the two thugs off for a few minutes and they then ran away, probably fearing that the printers would come out and clean up on them. Randall then jumped in his car and brought the Organizers to Eighth street.

strikers indicate. For example, Morris, Belzer and the U. S. Fruit Co. in the market are moving produce by using trucks which have permits at the same time that they themselves refuse to get permits by signing the Haas-Dunnigan plan.

Gross Bros. Dry Cleaning is hauling without any permit at all. Young America Milk Co. was caught by strikers this morning hauling a load of candy for the Fanny Farmer Candy Co. under a milk permit.

Witt's market, 705 Hennepin, is bootlegging meat under a hospital supply permit.

All these movements are blows at the strike, and all of them are going on under the military permit system.

To Speak at Farm Picnic

President Brown Will Fly to Pine City

President Bill Brown of Local 574 will address a picnic at Pine City tomorrow at 1 p. m. The picnic is under the auspices of the Pine County Farmers Holiday Association. This organization has contributed generous quantities of fresh foodstuffs to the Strike Commissary and Local 574 is profoundly grateful for the co-operation.

Bill Brown will fly to the Pine City affair in an open biplane donated for the occasion by the Eagle Flying Service. The plane will leave from the Wold-Chamberlain Airport at about 10 a. m. tomorrow. An American Eagle plane, it will be lettered with the legend "Five Seven Four."

A truckload of 574 members will attend the picnic, bringing with them the loud-speaking apparatus now in use at Strike Headquarters. All 574 men are welcome. Two thousand extra copies of The Organizer have been printed for distribution at this picnic.

In addition to the Pine County organization, the Farmers Holiday Association of Isanti County has generously aided the Commissary of Local 574, and a few days ago a load of vegetables came in from the Farmers Holiday Association of Polk County, Wisconsin.

Banks Shut Off Credit On Haas Plan Signers

At a meeting of the 13th Ward Farmer-Labor Club last night speakers substantiated the claims of 574 that it is the chain banks that are forcing the employers to refuse the moderate demands of the strikers.

It was brought out that on Thursday a grocer who had signed the Haas-Dunnigan plan went down to the wholesalers to get his stock for the weekend shopping. The wholesaler coldly refused to grant him credit. The bank had spoken.

A contractor constructing a row of houses has signed the Haas-Dunnigan agreement. When he needed credit to get cement he found that his bank had "reached" every cement company in town. No cement is forthcoming for this employer who dared to grant the demands of the workers.

Yellow Man Stabs Youth

As a result of a discussion of the strike, Buck Dalrymple, a young member of the MCCW, was stabbed with an ice-pick at about 9 p. m. last night near Border Ave. He was arguing with a Yellow Cab man whom he reproached for not helping actively in the strike. The cab man, who was yellow in more ways than one, went away and returned a short while later. Buck found him punching the tires of his father's car with the ice-pick. When Buck intervened, the rat stabbed him. Buck reported to Strike Emergency Hospital where his wound was dressed.

Bloody Mike's cops, so good at murdering pickets, are not interested in this crime.

3 Convicted For Striking

Pickets Get 15 Days in Military Court

For the crime of being strikers, three workers were sentenced this morning to 15 days each in the stockade.

The three, Charles E. Morris, A. Pease and Lester Rafter, were charged with driving in an automobile near a truck. The truck driver, a scab, admitted that they had not approached him or even addressed him. Captain Derrick, the military judge, stated, however, that the strikers "would have done so" had the military not been present to interfere.

Six other strikers—F. J. Gosselin, H. L. Bolduc, Haley Hossech, Ed Berglund, Lawrence A. Swanson and Frank E. Stevens—were released after brief trials. They were accused of something or other. What had they done? They had stopped next to a truck which had halted for a red light. The truck driver testified that they had asked him what his load was. The prosecution admitted it had no other evidence, although the six strikers had been held in the concentration camp ever since July 31 for their terrible crime.

The militia will try more strikers Monday.

Clearly the purpose of this military regime is to pull in peaceful pickets, hold them indefinitely in a concentration camp without any evidence against them, and thereby weaken the strike.

"The Organizer" --- Shield and Weapon

By FARRELL DOBBS

The men who own the great daily newspapers are bosses like any other bosses. They sweat their printers and their newsboys and they prostitute to their own commercial ends the talents of writers and artists. Like all other employers, they have their organization and their official publication, one of which is **Editor and Publisher**. This paper is controlled by the big newspaper publishers of the country and it is written by men who are in their confidence.

One of them, a certain Mr. Earl Burke, writes in a recent issue of **Editor and Publisher** that just before the general strike began in San Francisco the owners of the five boss-owned daily papers in Frisco met and formed a Newspaper Publishers' Council. They looked over the strike situation and decided to get back of Mayor A. J. Rossi, the Bloody Mike of San Francisco, in order to break the strike. These publishers, the Mayor and the Governor got together, and as a result a campaign against the strikers began in the five daily newspapers.

The **Examiner** and the **Chronicle** published front-page editorials stating that radicals had seized control of the unions by intimidating the workers and that the general strike was a revolution.

To us workers of Minneapolis who have been through the drivers strike, all this sounds like home, but even more familiar are the next steps of the publishers.

As in Minneapolis, where the Citizens Alliance wants the Rev. Haas recalled, the local bosses wanted the Federal government to throw aside all restraint in crushing the workers of Frisco. As in Minneapolis the bosses' papers set up a howl that a compromise with the Union would mean a Communist revolution.

So vicious were the attacks of the boss press

on the workers, and their chosen leaders, that many were deceived and allowed the bosses to split their ranks. Conservative leaders fought against radical leaders who were isolated. The general strike was smashed.

The end result was the loss of the workers' justified demands, the crushing of the longshoremen's strike, and the setting-back of the whole organized trade union movement of Frisco.

This is the aim of the bosses of Minneapolis. In working toward it they have had the sincere and constant help of the kept press of this city. By every trick of subtle hint and outright slander, by the lies in their news columns and the provocations in their editorials, by what they publish and what they refrain from publishing, the boss press is striving to confuse the strikers, to alienate public sympathy.

If they could do this, they would break the strike, reject all the workers' demands, smash Local 574 and most likely go on to an orgy of bloodthirsty attacks on strikers' and workers' organizations as in Frisco.

By the use of their press (and latterly also by their radio) they are working toward this end.

That they have not succeeded in their pernicious aim, and that they will never succeed, is partly due to the existence of **The Organizer**. When the five boss-owned dailies befouled sunrise and sunset with their filthy attacks, provocations and slanders the workers of Frisco had not the means to reply properly. They could not, as we do with our little daily strike bulletin, nail the bosses' lies, answer their filthy slanders and mobilize the workers at every critical juncture.

On this occasion when **The Organizer** appears in larger form than ever before, the Edi-

tor wishes to thank all who have helped push **The Organizer** into every nook and cranny of working-class Minneapolis until it is as famous among the workers as the boss press is infamous.

The Organizer has survived one attack after another. It has been chased from printer to printer; it has brooked and overcome the oppressive influence of police and militiamen; it has surmounted financial and technical difficulties. When mass meetings have been impossible, **The Organizer** has been at hand to spread truthful news and cement the ranks. Occasionally it has appeared a few hours late, for one reason or another, but never has it missed a day. And the anxious irritation which sweeps the Headquarters when it is a few hours late, is clear evidence that the mass of strikers appreciates its importance to them in their fight for a decent life.

The life of **The Organizer** as a daily is necessarily short; when the strike has ended, it will return to its earlier form as a modest weekly organ of Local 574.

But on that glorious occasion when the last daily issue of **The Organizer** appears to announce in bold headlines the victory of the strikers and the unseating of the tyrants' clique which aims to rule our lives, a lesson of great importance to all strikers will have been taught.

In the future, a daily newspaper of, by and for the strikers will be an indispensable part of the arsenal of every fighting strike committee.

For having taught this lesson to the workers of the country, the strikers of Local 574 and their brothers who helped make the existence of **The Organizer** possible, will win an immortal place in the galaxy of leaders of working class struggle.

Role of Unemployed Labor Important in Union Fight

By BILL CURRAN

That a new stage in the struggle of the unemployed workers has been reached has been exemplified in the strike of Local 574. The role of the unemployed here teaches a lesson that typifies new conditions coming to the surface of the struggles of the trade unionist for better conditions.

In the past the trade unionist looked upon the unemployed as a reserve army that the bosses used as scabs as soon as the strike was called. One would think that now, when unemployment has increased tenfold and constitutes

one of the most pressing problems of American life, the unemployed would be even a greater factor against strikes. But just the opposite is the case. The standing army of millions of unemployed, if properly handled by the trade union movement, can become the strikers' most valuable ally in strike struggles. This has been the case in the strike of 574. In fact, the unemployed, organized in the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, were on the firing line even before the general trade union movement moved into support of 574.

The leadership of Local 574 realized the importance of rallying the unemployed to their support, not only to prevent them from scabbing, but to make of them fighters on the picket line. This problem, in turn, was understood by the MCCW unemployed movement, which gave full support to the strike. The fact that over a dozen active pickets shot on Bloody Friday, including fellow-worker Belor, murdered in cold blood by Johannes' butchers, were members of the MCCW, proves that unemployed need not be scabs.

Yes, if the organized labor movement gives special attention to the organization of the unemployed and lends its systematic support, the organized unemployed can become an additional lever in the hand of the militant fighting unionist.

The most important lesson one can learn from the role of the unemployed in the strike struggle of Local 574 is the need of unity of action between the organized employed workers and the organized unemployed workers. This unity of action is taking root in the American working class. In all the strikes of Local 574 and in other parts of the country this unity of action was obtained. Let us hope it will spread throughout the United States and put fear into the hearts of the exploiters of Labor.

This is only one side of the story. It is not only the duty of the unemployed to come to the aid of the employed in their strike struggles. It is likewise the duty of the employed to come to the aid of the unemployed in their fight for more relief, for union conditions on ERA and other work relief jobs, and for social and unemployment insurance. The organized unemployed not only need the financial support of the organized employed through the trade unions and other workers' organizations. The organized unemployed need organizational unity with the trade unionists.

The structure of the MCCW takes care of this problem. Its central committee is composed of delegates duly elected from the branches of the unemployed and delegates from trade unions. Its motto is unity of action of the employed and the unemployed; one for all and all for one.

Low Shores is looking for Herman H. Herman, said to be an agent of the Citizens Alliance.

MCCW Branch Meetings

All Meetings at 8 P. M.
MONDAYS—East Side Branch
 215 S. 8th St.
MONDAYS—Franklin Branch
 1530 E. Franklin Ave
TUESDAYS—South Branch
 4201 Cedar Ave.
WEDNESDAYS—Central Council
 Room 118 City Hall
THURSDAYS—North Branch
 1426 6th Ave. N.
FRIDAYS—Downtown Branch
 225 S. 3rd St.

Open House at G. H. Q.

Tonight and tomorrow night at Strike Headquarters Local 574 will keep open house to welcome the pickets who were released from the stockade today. All friends of the strike are welcome and a regular program of speeches and entertainment will be put on.

There will be reports on new developments and short speeches by union leaders, as well as comment on the events of the day by the announcer of station 574.

Six Groups Proffer Aid

Eastern Workers Ask News of Strike

A recent Federated Press dispatch announces that six organizations in New York city, all interested in the defense of workers' rights, "have formed a joint committee to carry on a fight for the protection of the beleaguered workers of the Pacific coast. A petition has been sent to Secretary of Labor Perkins urging her to refuse to allow her department to be used in an anti-union deportation drive."

The six organizations are the Provisional Committee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense, the American Civil Liberties Union, the General Defense Committee of the I.W.W., the International Labor Defense, the League for Industrial Democracy and the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.

A communication to The Organizer from the headquarters of the Provisional Committee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense requests information as to the recent events in Minneapolis, and offers the assistance of this Committee in bringing to the attention of the entire population of the country the violations of workers' rights. According to this communication, many trade unions in the East are aroused by the interference with peaceful picketing, the raid on the headquarters of the Strike Committee and the Central Labor Union, and the imprisonment of strikers in the military stockade.

Employers Cracking Up

A late bulletin to The Organizer from a small business man anxious to see the strike settled, states that a number of additional rebels have turned up among the employers. They have decided to sign the Haas-Dunnigan agreement Monday morning despite the orders of the Citizens Alliance clique of tyrants.

Our informant states that efforts are being made to bring together a minority group of employers in a meeting over the weekend at which an effort will be made to break the ranks of the bosses wide open. He goes on to state that the feeling is growing stronger among the bosses, that despite all their tricks and brutalities, the men of 574 do not mean to give in as long as they have blood in their veins and that a settlement had better be reached before further millions of dollars in business is lost.

All signs indicate that 574 need but hang on a while longer as it has these past four weeks and victory will come to it. And we know how to hang on; we've had plenty of practice.

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Strike Wave Still Rising

Workers Throughout U. S. Fight for Life

As American bosses continue their vicious onslaughts on the lives of workers and their families, a new cycle of strikes was called as the week draws to a close. With the militancy born of desperation, workers by the thousands laid down their tools and rushed into the picket lines.

In New York City 5,000 knit-goods workers are out, the first contingent of what may prove to be a general strike in the knitting industry all over the country. Demands include the 35-hour working week and higher wages.

Because the Mellon-controlled American Aluminum Company refused to recognize the Aluminum Union, 15,000 workers struck Friday. They insist they will stay out until all their demands are granted. The union is asking for the closed shop, a universal wage rate, union seniority rules and the checkoff system of collecting dues.

Our brother workers in Kohler, Wisconsin, are holding their picket lines firm as their battle against the plumbing company goes into its fourth week. Yesterday, for the first time, Murderer Kohler deigned to meet with government mediators, as it became apparent to him that the Union was unyielding and unrelenting, having been only steeled by the reign of terror initiated by Kohler's hired thugs, masquerading as special deputies.

Police in Detroit attacked the picket lines of the Pattern Makers League, 600 of whose members have been on strike since August 1, demanding \$1.50 an hour and a 30-hour week.

Akron rubber workers have won all their demands from the General Tire & Rubber Company after a four-week strike for higher wages and abolition of the company union.

The six-week strike in the Queen City Cotton Mill of Burlington, Vermont, is continuing as a result of the mayor's failure to receive help from the cotton textile industrial board. He is now trying to bring about a settlement through arbitration by forming a local arbitration board composed of representatives of the company, the union and the city. The management of the plant had previously resisted efforts to end the strike through outside intervention.

Rejecting by a 15 to 1 vote notification of the Association of Master Painters that a new schedule slicing wages and increasing working hours was to go into effect, 12,000 New York painters prepared to strike to maintain their schedule of the seven-hour day and \$1.27 an hour. The association offered an eight-hour day and \$1-an-hour wage.

In Great Britain, a strike of 400,000 railroad men has been averted by the bosses giving in to the demands of the workers and granting partial restoration of 1931 wage cuts.

Almost 5,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America closed down 125 Montreal plants when they walked out to enforce their demand for a 20% increase in wages, time-and-a-half for overtime and union recognition. The decision to strike was made by unanimous vote of the workers. Spread of the strike throughout the clothing industry in Canada is imminent, union officials declare.

MCCW Asks Board Meet

Demands Methods of Relief Be Overhauled

Many denials of public relief to eligible and extremely needy applicants have occurred in the last few days. The arrogance of the Division of Public Relief has become alarming and corrective action is being sought by the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, organization of the unemployed.

The MCCW, jointly with several trade unions, has called upon the city Board of Public Welfare to hold a special meeting to hear charges and to remedy the serious conditions for which the Board is responsible. The meeting will be held Tuesday at 11 a. m. Members of the MCCW will attend.

The Board of Public Relief has ruled that there should be no discrimination in distributing public relief to anyone failing to work on ERA. Rules governing the use of Federal funds with which ERA workers are paid, require that all such work must be voluntary. The Board has power only to prevent suffering by supplying food, clothing and shelter to the destitute. To extend questioning of applicants beyond the matter of neediness is unlawful meddling.

The Division of Public Relief has arbitrarily ruled that 30 days must elapse after a man's last employment before relief is granted. It has no legal right to do this. They cut off relief from anybody found drinking a glass of beer; rent is denied to men who miss two or three days of "voluntary" ERA work; relief is stopped for anybody who discusses questions with ERA workers; anybody who demands better treatment is branded a Communist and "apprehended."

The MCCW regards the fight to wipe out these evils as the first step in a struggle to win really decent living conditions for the great number of workers who, through no fault of their own, are unemployed. The MCCW advocates work on the basis of a 30-hour week at trade union wages and conditions, with weekly pay on the job. This is the only way to keep the unemployed decently alive without dealing a blow to the standard of living of the trade unions.

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Drivers' Strike Reveals Workers' Great Resources

By THE OLD TIMER

The strike of Local 574 is a marvelous illustration of the initiative and resources of the workers when they awoken to the necessity of organizing and fighting for their own interests. The bosses have been having their own way so long, without any serious opposition from the workers, that they got into the habit of thinking they are just so much raw material that goes into the process of production. That the workers have feelings, ambitions, yes, and brains, too—that, they cannot understand.

If the workers organize and put up a fight the bosses are always sure that some "outside agitator" is responsible. It never occurs to them that the workers who run the industries of the world have also got sense enough to run their own organizations and run them effectively. When they confront a real example of this working class ability they get blue in the face. It is costing the Minneapolis bosses millions of dollars to learn that the drivers, helpers and inside men of Local 574 mean business, and are not being fooled by anybody.

Local 574's strike is the best example of organization and efficiency I have ever seen—and I have seen a lot in my lifetime as a union man. A movement like this could never be built by a few individual leaders, as the bosses maintain, no matter how capable these leaders might be. The one thing that stands out in the strike is that here is a living monument of determined people. Hundreds and thousands of men and women have to combine their energy, their intelligence and their enthusiasm to make such a strike. That is what we have in Local 574 and its Women's Auxiliary.

The leaders don't have to worry about getting too far ahead of this bunch; the problem is to keep pace with it. Almost every day we get some new proof that the workers—once they make up their minds—can give the wise bosses cards and spades when it comes to organizing things and making a group of people pull together for common interest.

It would take a story long enough to fill a book to describe all the details of organization that fit together to make up the strike machine. And one of the most important chapters should be devoted to an account of the wonderful support and help we get from other unions and the unemployed workers, and also from the farmers and small business and professional men.

It certainly warms the heart to see a poor farmer, who is run pretty ragged himself and cheated out of practically everything he works for, come into strike headquarters with a supply of food which he donates free to the commissary. And compare the work of our doctor and nurses, working all hours for nothing to tend the sick and care for the wounded—compare examples of humanity like that with the bosses and money sharks who never have a thought for anything but their own personal profits.

When you see things like that you have to ask yourself where these chiselers who live on the labor of others get the nerve to lecture the common run of people about anything. But they have the nerve. They want to hog everything for themselves and then tell us that is the best and most moral arrangement that could be made.

Every strike nowadays brings out proof of the fact that not only the workers directly involved, but also the great mass of the population in general, are fed up with the small clique of financial high-binders who run the country for their own exclusive benefit. The masses—and this includes the small business and professional people and the farmers as well as the wage workers—are anxious to show their sympathy for the strikers and take a sock at the arrogant money hogs who begrudge a worker a decent wage for his labor. The Citizens Alliance gang in Minneapolis, like similar cliques in other cities, are playing with dynamite in trying to override this sentiment of the masses. Some day they are going to make

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us all mad. Then it will be too late to settle for 42½ and 52½ cents an hour, or anything like it. The workers are just beginning to realize their power. They can make over this old world to suit themselves—if they really make up their minds to do it.

News and Views

Bob, Moas and Hanson have been doing a splendid job touring Pine County and collecting food for the Commissary. They say they get a wonderful reception wherever they go. Every farmer is very much interested in 574's struggle and anxious to help out. All day long they collect vegetables and at night they gather together with a group of farmers to butcher and dress the livestock brought in from the various farms. This work they do by the light of automobile lamps, lubricated occasionally by some wonderful home brew.

All laundry and dry cleaning workers are asked to attend the funeral of Sister Martina Frandsen, member of Local 18005, Monday at 3 p. m. The funeral will be held from Ingers Funeral Home. Assemble at 225 S. Third Street. Cars will be furnished.

One of the boys complains that guardsmen annoyed his sister on the street last night. We suppose this is also covered by the Federal Court decision.

An interesting point for the slanderers of the Union: since the strike began not a single man has been on the payroll of the Union. All the paid officials voluntarily went off pay when the men went out.

One of the rats finking for Pratt's lived off our Commissary for a week or so. That's a man for you!

Schultz took a ride this morning. He was sleeping in the office and he woke up in the Commissary. Then he couldn't find his pants. There was a Federal injunction against them.

Asbestos Workers Local 34 donates \$10 to the strike fund.

George Bjorkman is chairman of the Downtown Branch of the MCCW. He wants to call attention to the fact that no eviction action is legal except by a Sheriff armed with a signed court order. Anyone else entering a home to evict somebody is a trespasser and acting illegally.

The following bakery firms have made donations to the Commissary: East Side Bakery, Monahan's, Third St. Bakery, Lakeview, Emerich's, People's, Lehmann's and Central.

The famous Daily "Worker" reports that tonight in New York City one Clarence Hathaway of the Communist Party "will show how the leaders of Local 574 are hindering militant action against Olson's military rule." Try that on your harmonica!

Why did the Ives Ice Cream Company sign the Haas-Dunnigan agreement, causing consternation and rage in the upper ranks of the "comrades" of the Citizens Alliance? Here's the story. Store after store has been calling up the Franklin Co-op, begging for ice cream. Franklin said: "if you get my ice cream, you must sign up for a year." So Ives saw the light at the same time that he saw all his business slipping away from him. He defied the banks and signed.

Clarence Nelson, at the Eitel, is still flat on his back. Mrs.

Workers Coerced Into Signing Boss Petition

The report comes to The Organizer that a number of laundry firms yesterday began to use coercive methods to make their workers sign petitions drawn up in the interests of the bosses.

These petitions call for governmental action to terminate the strike. They threaten that unless the strike ends the laundries will close down and large numbers of workers will be thrown out of jobs. Inasmuch as no mention is made of the terms on which the strike is to be ended, it is clear that what is meant is that the strike shall be smashed and the workers' demands refused.

The managers of these firms are calling workers into their office one or two at a time and telling them that they must sign or be replaced by rats who will sign. Several workers signed up but later on after realizing what they had done they stated that they would not stand by their signatures. Among the companies which has been most aggressive in forcing these anti-labor petitions on their employees is the American Linen Co.

Frayer says that he grabs his Organizer the minute she gets there with it, and always feels better after he has devoured the whole thing. Who says our paper isn't popular?

"Crooner" Sloan now has the world's cutest broadcasting booth. It has all the latest improvements, including bars on the windows. There is going to be plenty of trouble when he tries to collect for the advertising he has plastered all over the outside.

The Walkathon management admits Organizer representatives free to sell our paper. Thanks, friends.

Harry O'Brien, who works in the Commissary relief department, has served long and faithfully ever since the May strike, in fact. You can always find Harry on the job at 225 S. 3rd St. In fact, he even sleeps there.

Farrell Dobbs was found asleep hanging from a hook in the repair department last night. He says he has lost all use for beds.

The Organizer mailing list grows day by day; we now send out request copies to about twenty different states.

Mrs. Clara Dunne works out a new system for distributing The Organizer every day. Each one is better than the last, but she will not be satisfied until she has a perfect one.

By vote of the Strike Committee at last night's meeting, the Commissary will be open from midnight until 2 a. m. to feed all strikers on special duty. They must get permits at the front office of Strike Headquarters from Brother Seibert.

Auxiliary Notes

Mrs. Joseph Dolezel, whose husband is a member of 574, donates a home-made cake.

Mrs. Bergland and Mrs. Moe Hork have been taking care of the families of the men who are in the stockade. They call on the families, take the wives to visit their men, and attend to a thousand and one details.

Mrs. Featherstone is also very busy helping get the rightful city relief for applicants. She is on duty every day up to 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Yaeger and Mrs. Cipperly are helping to take care of Organizer distribution.

Our nurses, Mrs. McCormick and Miss Humphner, have been faithfully on the job 24 hours a day. Without their assistance in this fight, we never could have gotten along.

All the girls who have been on commissary duty deserve a vote of thanks, especially Mrs. Soulis and Mrs. Carle, who have been more than faithful to their jobs.

Mrs. Frayer, the little lady who drives a great big car and has been taking such care of the boys in the hospitals ever since Bloody Friday, never seems to stand still.

Demands for List Continue

'Organizer' Publishes Rest of Names

There follows the second half of the revised list of those firms whose refusal to accept the Haas-Dunnigan plan forces the members of Local 574 to continue their strike for decent living conditions and the right to organize. We are glad to put this list at the disposal of the many workers and farmers and small merchants throughout the state who inform us that they desire to know where they are spending their wages.

- Minneapolis Transfer & Warehouse Co.
- Merchants Motor Freight
- Murphy Transfer & Storage Co.
- McReavy Bros.
- Minneapolis & St. Paul Truck Terminal Co., Inc.
- Melone-Bovey Lumber Co.
- McKesson Minneapolis Drug Co.
- Minnesota Paper and Cord Co.
- Minneapolis Builders Supply Co.
- Minnesota Linseed Oil Co.
- McGarvey Coffee Co.
- Minneapolis Allied Grocers
- Minnesota Casket Co.
- Minneapolis Iron Store
- John Morrell & Co.
- Morris Fruit Co.
- Mahat Co., Phil
- Merrill-Lytel Fruit Co.
- Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company
- McLeod Smith Co.
- Minneapolis Paper Co.
- Newhouse Paper Co.
- Northern Paper Co.
- Nott Co., W. S.
- Northome Furniture Industries
- Nash Coffee
- North West Drug Co.
- North West Casket Co.
- North West Glass Co.
- North West Produce Co.
- Northfield Co., L. W.
- North West Terminal Co.
- North West Lumber & Wrecking Company
- Nathanson Fruit and Produce
- Niesen and Turner
- Naas Bros. Fruit Co.
- North West Fruit and Produce Company
- New England Furniture & Carpet Company
- Overnight Express Co.
- Osborne & Clark Lumber Co.
- Olson Fruit Co.
- Paper Supply Co.
- Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.
- Pratt's Express Co.
- Palmer Co., S. G.
- Powers Mercantile Co.
- Pinck Fruit Co.
- Ranheim Fish Co.
- Reliable Transfer and Storage Co.
- Raymond Bros.
- Rose Bros. Lumber and Supply Company
- Rifkin and Co.
- Rosenzweig and Sons
- Sterling Cartage Co.
- Swain Farmer Co.
- Stanchfield Transfer Co.
- Skellet Co.
- Steller Transfer Co.
- Schirmer-Strasburg Transfer Co.
- Streater Lumber Co.
- Sawyer Cleator Co.
- Stewart Lumber Co.
- South Side Lumber Co.
- Speakes Co.
- Speakes Richfield Co.
- Schaffner, Jos.
- Slocum-Bergren Co.
- Salisbury-Saterlee Mfg. Co.
- Stein Co., Leon K.
- Stacy Co.
- Saliterman Fruit Co.
- Swift & Co.
- Thompson Lumber Co.
- Thompson, Jr., Lumber Co.
- Thomas Stores, C.
- Thomas Co., J. W.
- United States Fruit Co.
- Wunder-Klien-Donohue Co.
- Winston-Newell Co.
- Western Grocer Co.
- Whitten Rader Johnson Co.
- Widholm Transfer
- Westlund-Westerberg Lumber Co.
- Witte Market House
- Williams Hardware Co.

White Seal Products Co.
Wilson & Co.
Yager & Co.
Young-Quinlan Co.

A number of revisions are announced in that part of the tyrants list published yesterday. Three companies—the City Builders, Cooperman Fruit and Brooks—have signed the Haas-Dunnigan plan and are entitled to operate under military permit. Further revisions will be announced as the bosses crack up further.

The Saturday Scandal Sheet paid for by the bosses and published by a high-class rat (union printer says how high class?) calls for vigilantes. Law and order again, no doubt.

Who buys from chiselers? No friend of the working class.

Bill says he wants to be invited when Dear Mike and dere emily get hitched. He says why not hold the martial seremious in the head-1/4s?

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Hitting Harder Than Ever!

Martial Law and the Strike—

The Federal Judges have denied the application for injunction and upheld the regime of martial law in Minneapolis. As long as the state troops confined their activity primarily to the suppression of union gatherings, raiding of headquarters and jailing of union members—that is, as long as human rights only were being violated—the bosses and the bankers behind them were perfectly satisfied with military rule and took no legal steps to stop it. As soon, however, as the furious indignation and anger of the working masses, upon whom Governor Olson depended for political support, compelled him to alter his policy a bit and put some military restrictions on so-called property rights—then the outraged bosses summoned their high-priced lawyers to seek a Federal injunction.

The denial of the injunction is in no case to be interpreted as a victory for the cause of the workers.

As we have stated before, our union had no part in the legal quarrel between Governor Olson and the employers' group over this question. The strength of the workers is in their own independent activity, and only there. We are true to ourselves only when we fight every infringement on our civil rights, from whatever source it may come. The heaviest blows of military force have fallen on us. Over a hundred of the members of our union remain at this moment confined in the stockade at the fair grounds, although they have committed no crime but the exercise of their legal rights. The meetings in front of our headquarters, and even on the lot in the rear—so necessary and important for the mobilization of union forces—remain prohibited. Chiselers and violators of the truck permit system remain unpunished; the pickets of the union languish in the stockade and our picket cars remain impounded. Let every worker and every trade unionist remember this and continue to demand a cessation of this military tyranny.

The most effective way to protest against tyranny is to resist. That is the policy of Local 574—frankly stated and frankly carried out. To this policy, and to the unexampled courage of our members in translating the word into the deed, we owe the invincible position which our union holds in the struggle today as the strike nears the end of its fourth week. The struggle has cost heavy sacrifices, but they have not been made in vain. It is clear now that victory is at hand. Keep on fighting along the same line until the bosses crack!

Minneapolis Is Not Frisco!—

From various sources it has come to our knowledge that the Citizens Alliance, facing ignominious defeat in the present struggle and fearing a collapse of their whole union-smashing program, are playing with the idea of resorting to the desperate game of mob violence on the San Francisco model. Using the "Red Scare" as a smoke screen the industrial and financial highbinders on the Pacific Coast scoured the underworld for gunmen, thugs and plug-uglies, organized them under the guise of "Vigilantes," equipped them with clubs and revolvers and sent them out to terrorize the strikers. Workers' meeting places were raided and wrecked and the occupants beaten and maimed by this degenerate gutter-spawn howling for "law and order." The police obligingly followed close behind to "mop up" on the victims and drag them off to jail.

The leading clique of Minneapolis exploiters, with more profits as their motive and murder in their hearts, are trying to get their nerve up for a similar attempt here. The technique is the same everywhere—begin with the "Red Scare." The series of paid advertisements in the daily papers of the bosses was part of the program. The nightly radio speeches about the immediate danger of a Communist revolution are part of it. The wholesale importation of thugs from the P. L. Bergoff strike-breaking and murdering agency of New York City is part of the preparation. Now they come out in the Saturday scandal sheet, subsidized by the Citizens Alliance, with a call from the "United Vigilantes of America" to form a branch in Minneapolis and "keep America for the Americans." By that they mean: Shoot and club everybody who wants living wages and the protection of a union.

Take care, gentlemen! Minneapolis is not San Francisco. The enlightened workers of Minneapolis understand your game. The "Red Scare" will not work here. And a program of mob violence will not go unchallenged, either. The blood of Henry Ness and John Belor is still wet on your hands. Better wipe it off, murderers, before you shed any more!

dere emily

Friday afternoon

dere emily, here it is another Friday, emily. 3 weeks since Harry Ness wuz shot, and i kin say for the Union that we're still fitin just the way Harry wuda wanted us to. beleeve me, kid, i aint NEVER goin to ferget that Friday, and what the bosses had there cops do to my brothers, not until my dyin day i wont ferget that, and i dont think any a the rest of the Union brothers will, neether. i got a idee the murderin bosses will roo the day they shot into us like we wuz dogs.

say, i forgot ta tell you about last nite. last nite wuz open house in our head-¼s to the genril publik, and gee, they cum by the thousands, workin men and wimen and there kids, to see our Union and lissen to our leaders. boy, it wuz just like old home week up in Turtle Creek, emily. and from the remarks i cud here passed, i gess all a the visitors wuz sum imprest, emily, with the way old 574 runs things. becuz we sure got the men what can organize things to run slick.

gee, dont the bosses get ya, emily, the way there squirmen and twistin and lyin, just like a worm on a hook. the lousy murderin cheats'll talk about ANYTHING—anything except what counts, which is payin desunt wages to us workers. boy, if the bosses knew how they wuz showin thereselves up for what they wuz, and how they wuz showin there cops and there corts and there government and there newspapers and there radios up, why i think they'd go a little easy. that is, if they had a lick a sense, which you an i no they aint got. as Vincent Dunne sez, emily, the boss class all thru history has never lernt anything. which is why kings loze there thrones. and why the bosses in roosha got it rite in the pants. and why old king george of ingland got it in the neck from the American revolushinists.

you kin see, emily, that besides the organizer i am sendin you a new paper today, called the militant which also tells a lot about our fite here in minneapolis. now there aint so menny papers that is supportin old 574 in this strike, but what we kin be grateful for another one. after all, its a cinch that nun a the daily papers here in town or in st paul is with us, but insted is all aginst us, and 100 percent on the side a the bosses. and its the same with the outa town papers, emily, which i have seen aroun head-¼s, like papers from nu york and chicowgo and san francisco, THEY all print the wurst lies aginst us strikers too, just as if the cits alliances in these other towns wuz diktatin to em what they shud say, as is dun here in minneapolis, so natshoorly us guys in the Union hates all the papers which lies about us, and is all for the papers which is simpatetik like to us.

i heer that the bosses dont like the militant and call it a red rag, and are mad as all get out if any workers read it. but blest if i kin see anything rong with it, emily. all it doze is to tell whats goin on here in minneapolis and other places in the world, and i dont see nothing about bombs in

it at all but only just news like any paper has, only this news is the truth.

hell, emily, i bin thinkin the last few days. theze here bosses we got in town keep yellin in the papers and over there radios that communism and payin 42½c an hour is one an the same thing. well if thats what communism is, just gettin 42½c per hour and 52c per hour for the workers, why i gess i'm a communist. an i expek most evry one in the whole world except a small bunch a potbellyd and titefsted bosses must be a communist too, kid. you and yure old man and sammy and my Ma and my brothers and sisters. leaswise, i never herd a no worker or no workers kid but what wasnt all for higher wages, did you emily? shucks, if thats what the communists is pullin for, why then nachoorly i'm a communist and pullin for the same thing, too. and so are we all, emily.

whata ya think, emily, sammy has fallen in love down here. he's

bin moonin around the last coupla days, only eatin about 3 times what a ordinerry mortal wud eat insted a stuffing hisself like a pig, and this noon he told me it wuz becuz he's in love. and he took me over and interduced me to his girl, which is called milly, and is a mitey cute little trick which has volunteered to sell Organizers. this milly is an awful nice little girl, emily, so dont worry. she likes sammy fine, too, but the trouble is she likes all the guys in the Union fine and is nice and sweet to all a them, and this is what has got our sammy tearin his hair and green in the eyes. its awful cute and kinda funny, emily. i mind i usta be kinda that way about you, kid, only i wud never let on. and to tell the truth, i still am.

a truck has just brot in a lotta meat which the farmers aroun here has donated to the Union, so i gotta go out bak and help unload. rite soon kid.

Yours,

Mike

The Workers' Voice

Dear Editor:

This isn't much of a donation but all we have, times aren't so good for vegetables on the farm owing to the drouth. But we assure you we are 100 per cent for you in your struggle. The "Holiday" feels your cause is just and hope you win out, you must win. We as farm folks in Polk County have put up some brave fights for our rights and have won some of the battles and we are going to win a lot more. The papers don't tell you city fellows the truth about the Holiday but we assure you we are brothers to you; we will fight together to the end.

WALTER McBANE
Frederic, Wis.

Dear Brothers:

The Shipyard and Allied Workers Industrial Union was born in the crucible of the longshoremen's strike here on the Coast. We are seeking a federation of all shipyard craft unions.

We have watched the scanty news dispatches in the capitalist press for the progress of the fight in Minneapolis. I want to say that 574 seems to have a new sort of English on the old eight ball. Your organization is an inspiration to labor everywhere.

If possible we would like to make contact with you and to establish a regular exchange of publications. I am enclosing the first issue of our paper, **The Rudder**. A few copies of **The Organizer** out here would help to break through the wall of silence that is now being thrown around your city except when the papers can publish the arrest of a Communist. Fraternally yours,

F. CREQUE

President, Local 2, Oakland, Cal.

Dear Editor:

Every day during the past week I have heard some member of the Citizens Alliance insult the intelligence of the people of the Northwest in their paid-for time over WCCO. Their money and the time they spend on the radio are wasted. No one believes them.

They have forced scores of small business men to the wall. I could name dozens of them who

have prayed for the downfall of the Citizens Alliance. These small dealers are not in a position to fight back. I pity the small merchant. He must pay the Citizens Alliance his small profit so the Citizens Alliance can fight the laborer who is the small dealers' best customer.

If the so-called Communist leaders in local 574 have banded drivers together so tightly that they can defy the blood-sucking Citizens Alliance, then for God's sake loan some of these leaders to the retail dealers so they can band together a group that can defy the Citizens Alliance. If the leaders of 574 are from out of town, capture them and keep them here. They are the kind of leaders we need.

Why do all labor unions support 574? Because every workman in town who is not simple minded knows that 574 is a genuine and democratic trade union organization that does not threaten its rank and file the way the Citizens Alliance does. The rank and file of 574 have confidence in their leaders. The Citizens Alliance strengthens that confidence by attacking them, and saying things that are not true. They want to run the Drivers' Union like they run their own clique. They know the present leaders are smarter than any lawyers they have been able to buy.

Please send a truck driver over to tell them something new. There is more news in one copy of **The Organizer** than there is in the **Journal and Tribune** for a whole week. Does the Citizens Alliance hire the Communist Party to distribute leaflets condemning the leaders of the Truck Drivers? They seem to be so well agreed that they tell the same story: "The leaders of 574 must go!" They are like buddies—both after Bill Brown's scalp.

We are behind you, leaders of 574. We admire your honesty and your courage. No wonder the rank and file of 574 love and trust you. Anyone whom the Citizens Alliance hates must be on the square with the workers.

—Maud E. Carlson.