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# Haas, Dunnigan Hear Rank and File Flay 'New' Boss Scheme; Deny Endorsing It

The kind of stuff the workers of Local 574 are made of was sensationally revealed at last night's meeting of the Strike Committee of 100, when men who have repeatedly shown their moral and physical courage, revealed that they are equally endowed with intelligence and insight. After hearing Rev. F. J. Haas and E. H. Dunnigan's speeches recommending the bosses' latest swindle settlement scheme, the rank-and-file Strike Committee members took the floor one after another and fired a barrage of questions at the Federal mediators until the latter retreated in complete confusion and shame.

The appearance of Federal mediators before the Strike Committee of 100 was at the request of the mediators, who indicated that they thought they could put over the rotten settlement if they got a chance at the rank-and-file. Always ready to demonstrate that there is no difference between leaders and rank-and-file in this strike, the Negotiating Committee which had been dealing with the Federal men for four weeks, agreed to bring Messrs. Haas and Dunnigan before the rank-and-file Strike Committee of 100.

(During the afternoon, those members of the Committee of 100 who are held in the military concentration camp considered the new proposal and turned it down unanimously.)

The session began with speeches by Haas and Dunnigan. They admitted that the new proposal is bad in many respects, but advised the Strike Committee to adopt it, saying they had done their best to get more but could not do so. They explained the new proposal in detail, confessing that the clause enabling the bosses to protest rehiring certain men was aimed at active pickets and that it could be used for discrimination. They also admitted that the absence of a fixed minimum  $42\frac{1}{2}c$  and  $52\frac{1}{2}c$  wage would be a blow to the union, but said that arbitration "might" get the workers more.

After these speeches, no union officials took the floor until all members of the Committee of 100 had full opportunity to address questions to the Federal mediators and to get fully clear on the subject. Despite the efforts of the Chairman, Grant Dunne, to confine this part of the program to questioning, since the Committee had decided to hold off all discussion until Messrs. Haas and Dunnigan had left, the members could not restrain their disgust and anger. Man after man arose and either asked a question which made the Federal men squirm, or threw in their teeth defiant refusals to consider the new rotten scheme.

In no instance was either of the Federal men able to give a satisfactory answer to the questions addressed to them. Some of the typical questions were the following:

**Whose plan is this, yours or the bosses'?**

The answer was that it is "neither ours nor the bosses'."

**Then whose is it?**

No answer; laughter.

**You speak of "give and take." We give, alright, but what do we take?**

General laughter. No answer.

**How do you know the arbitrators won't cut us to 30c?**

No answer.

**Why do you go over the head of our Negotiating Committee and not over the head of the bosses' Negotiating Committee? Are you trying to insult our Committee or question their sincerity?**

Answer: Oh, no. Your Committee is made up of fine men. We have no criticism of them. They have done their best to get a good settlement in your interests. (Someone yelled, "You bet!")

**Why don't you force the 166 bosses to get together and take a secret ballot on the Haas-Dunnigan plan?** Answer: We can't.

**Then why don't you at least ask them if they are willing to do it?**

No answer.

**Why didn't you make the bosses accept the original Haas-Dunnigan plan?**

We did not have the power to make them do anything.

**Then how do we know you will have the power to make them live up to government decisions on the basis of this settlement?**

No answer.

**Will the man from Washington who judges "violence" cases wear a white collar or overalls?**

"He will be fair in any case."

**What is our guarantee?**

No answer.

**If you had been a picket and were now asked to sign an agreement which might bar you forever from a job, would you do it?**

No answer.

**Then why did you bring it up?**

By this time the Rev. Haas was pale as a ghost and sweating.

Dunnigan, however, did not yet know he was beaten. He had the gall to say to men who ordinarily labor 60 hours a week for a few pennies, and who have done 24-hour picketing duty day after day, that they ought to have more consideration in view of how hard he had worked to get the bosses to agree to this rotten proposition! He said he had worked 15 hours in one day! A wave of resentment swept the room as the Federal mediator made this insulting remark.

At this point one Committee member arose and demanded an end to the horse play and a return to the serious business of running the strike. Now, however, leaders of the Union took the floor and, one after another, drove home the points the rank-and-file had made.

In a remarkable statement, which moved the Committee to wild applause, President Bill Brown informed the mediators that they might well be ashamed of coming to the Union and proposing that it accept something no better than what it had before the strike. "We have been fighting for four weeks; all of us have sacrificed and struggled; two of our brothers lie dead at the hands of the bosses' agents. We accepted your first plan. And now you ask us to bow our heads and go back to the old slavery and you would speak of fairness and honor? I tell you when we accepted the Haas-Dunnigan proposal we gave up all we mean to give up. We will not budge another inch."

Vincent Dunne pointed out that the Rev. Haas had admitted that he had promised the bosses to try to sell the strikers an agreement which Haas himself would not endorse. Dunne attacked the new scheme vigorously, characterizing it as just the same old bosses' scheme in new words. He continued:

"They want to penalize our best fighters, the flower of the Union. You ask us to give the bosses a license to discriminate especially against our pickets for the very activity that builds the Union and wins a strike. We will not

dishonor ourselves by delivering up our best men to the mercies of these vicious employers. If we did we might as well abandon unionism. And you give us no wage guarantee. What do you mean 'present wage scales?' There are none. We have been reasonable from the start. We are still ready to consider any fair proposal. Are you going to put us in the position of rejecting this rotten proposal?"

Miles Dunne now took the floor and pointed out that the evening newspapers carried many statements that this proposal had the approval, endorsement and backing of the Federal mediators as well as of the Labor Department in Washington and the employers, and that the Union was being put out on a limb. He revealed that newspaper men had informed him that the source of this information was the Employers Advisory Committee. Father Haas and Dunnigan immediately protested that they had not endorsed the plan but only "recommended it."

"The damage is done," continued Brother Miles Dunne. "You have let loose a pack of wolves on us. The papers have begun to yell that we alone prevent a settlement on a basis approved by you and the employers. It is your duty to issue a public statement that you do not endorse and approve this swindle or else you are guilty of playing the bosses' game, putting us on the spot, and helping to break the strike. I say that unless you publicly dissociate yourselves from this proposal at once, you are lax in your relation to the strikers."

In reply to this demand, Dunnigan reaffirmed that he would not endorse or approve the new scheme, but that he would not publicly dissociate himself from it. "We will not enter into controversy with the papers," he said in a high and mighty manner.

At this point **The Organizer** reporter asked for the floor. He stated that he was prepared to print the statements of Haas and Dunnigan that they do not endorse the new swindle, and he wanted to know whether when that appeared, Haas and Dunnigan would enter into controversy with **The Organizer**, or whether it is only the bosses' press they do not like to fight with. There was general laughter but no answer from the Federal mediators.

Dunnigan also refused to make a public statement about the sincerity of the strike leaders, whom the bosses accuse of holding up a settlement but who Dunnigan admitted had done their best to reach a reasonable settlement in the interests of the workers.

In the end it was clear to all that Haas and Dunnigan had placed the Union in a position where it must accept the rotten proposals or be accused of holding up a settlement approved by the Federal mediators. Haas thereupon stated that he did not desire to endorse the proposal but only to submit it for discussion. The mediators then left the room.

A brief discussion followed and then by unanimous vote the Committee of 100 endorsed the Negotiating Committee's action in rejecting the proposal (the letter of rejection is printed on page 2), reaffirmed the strikers' stand on the original Haas-Dunnigan plan and went on to problems of the strike struggle.

Outside the boss newspaper reporters asked Haas and Dunnigan for a statement. "We have absolutely nothing to say," was the answer.

That is the story of how Haas and Dunnigan went over the heads of the Negotiating Committee and met the rank-and-file.

### MASS RALLY TONIGHT: PRES. BROWN AND OTHER SPEAKERS

# Union Rejects Bosses' Offer

## Reaffirms Position on Haas-Dunnigan Plan

The following is the letter of Local 574 rejecting the new boss proposal which Father Haas and E. H. Dunnigan tried to sell to the Strike Committee of 100 last night. In the afternoon, Strike Committee members in the stockade endorsed the letter. After Haas and Dunnigan addressed the Committee, this letter was unanimously approved by the committee:

August 12, 1934.

"Gentlemen:  
"After a careful reading of the proposals submitted to you by the employers as of August 11, 1934, we are compelled to reject them as unsatisfactory.

"We accepted the Haas-Dunnigan proposal not because it gave the union what it wanted but because it represented a compromise which, under the circumstances, we felt justified in approving. We stand squarely upon this proposal. Any further proposal which, as the one just submitted, differs so radically from the Haas-Dunnigan proposal cannot be accepted as the basis of settlement.

"Section 2 of the employers' latest proposal is satisfactory only to the extent that it provides for the reinstatement of all employees as of July 16, 1934, except in case where, because of lack of work, all employees cannot be immediately reinstated. In such a case it is satisfactory to us that employees be reinstated as rapidly as work is available in accordance with their seniority rights from a preferential list consisting of the names of all those who were employed as of July 16, 1934.

"That sentence in the section which gives the right to an employer to protest the reinstatement of an employee, we must reject categorically. It is so vague and indefinite that future disputes with reference to its interpretation are unavoidable. And what we are anxious to arrive at is an agreement which will not be the cause of future strife but which will furnish the basis for a stable settlement for a definite period. If by that clause the employers mean to discriminate between strikers, then we must say that under no circumstances will Local 574 agree to discrimination against any employee because of his strike or union activities.

"The provisions with reference to elections contradict the Haas-Dunnigan proposal for group elections in the Market Firms.

"The proposal for arbitration of wages without a minimum wage to start with is too far removed from the Haas-Dunnigan proposal to merit consideration. Nor can we accept the proposition that there shall be separate arbitrations for every employer. That would mean a long period of uncertainty as to wages which would inevitably lead to further disputes.

"The proposal to have the Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Labor Board appoint the neutral member of any arbitration board is unacceptable, due to our unfortunate experiences with that Board.

WM. S. BROWN,  
President, Local 574.

Happy and Swanson have constituted themselves a Low and Odor Committee for the boys in the Stockade. Happy is Low and Swanson is Odor. Outside of this, the big news from the prisoners of our historic fight is that they were thrilled Sunday when the airplane returning from Pine City (without Bill Brown, as usual) swooped low over the stockade and saluted them. They were surprised and delighted to see the "574" painted on its tail.

Just in case you want to know, E. W. Cameron who has formed the new Protective League (another alias for the criminals in the Citizens Alliance) represents the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa. George C. Jones, represents the Equitable of New York. But these racketeering agents of big capital object to us because we are "imported!"

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Happy days are here again. Finks and rats have had to clear again.  
574 is in arms again, To clean our town of filth and sin  
That the Citizens Alliance is steeping in.  
They own the officials of our fair town  
Of Bainbridge they have made a clown.  
Johannes has been taken down  
A notch or two by William Brown.  
Solidarity wins a crown  
So stick it out, you've got 'em down.  
—M. E. C.

## Army Court Soaks Nine

### Peaceful Pickets Sentenced to 90 Days

Pursuing their labor-hating course, the military forces now ruling Minneapolis yesterday soaked nine of our brother pickets with heavy sentences for their strike activities.

In no case was violence proven against any of the pickets, but the court knew they were pickets and that was enough. It declared them guilty and hung stiff terms around their necks. As our reporter, Mrs. Farrell Dobbs, was noting the facts of this military court procedure, the presiding officer expelled her from the courtroom. He apparently was anxious that we be unable to report the kind of justice he dispenses.

The following brothers were given 90 days each: Carl Peterson, Thomas Olsen, Laurence Bovey, Edward Bovey, Tony Palaio, Leo Thelien, Wallace Lambert and Kenneth Sutliff. Jimmy Costello drew 25 days.

Ed Corbett, Bill Benzig, Hans Anderson, Walter Biersen and Ed Dickman were released. There was not even enough evidence to make a trial in these cases, but nevertheless they have already served long terms in the stockade for which they now get not even an apology.

The attorney for the defense in the case of the eight men given 90-day sentences, advised them to plead guilty in order to get lighter sentences. The eight absolutely refused to make such a deal, since they were not guilty. They were then soaked with the heavy sentences. The purpose of the military court in offering this deal, whereby men who affirm their innocence get heavy sentences and those who plead guilty get light ones, is to back up the bosses in their charge that violence was committed.

### News and Views

The Strike Committee of 100 yesterday established a special Visiting Committee for the Stockade, composed of Miles Dunne, George Dreon and Christ Moe.

James Barber Shop have donated their service to 574 men in the Hospital.

The Olympian Quartet of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 1553, gave two selections at Strike Headquarters last night. Local 574 thanks the quartet which is composed of Maynard Saxe, Louis Roman, Mel Defield and Walter Nochs.

A friend has donated a cock and a hen to be raffled off. They would make good strikers; they have already learned how to roost with phones ringing and typewriters banging. Piglet Five Seven Four has also learned this trick.

The following dry cleaning firms have donated cleaning service: Crystal Co-operative Cleaners, La Salle Cleaning, Mill City Laundry and Cleaners, Dinsmore Cleaners, Vogue Cleaners.

574 acknowledges with gratitude \$50 received from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of Minneapolis.

A Murphy Truck (X16) came into town yesterday without a permit. That's respect for martial law!

## Commissary Agents To Carry Credentials

A new system has been worked out for the collection of donations to the Strike Commissary. The Commissary Committee reports that it is a success. Four members were given credentials and brought in quite a few orders for cash donations and many for groceries. One man who had a bill against Henry Ness cancelled it as his donation.

All Commissary agents collecting donations now carry a letter written on stationery of the Minneapolis General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 574. This letter shows the emblem of the union and is signed by Thomas Smith, Chairman of the Relief Committee, and Mrs. F. Dobbs, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of Local 574. For the benefit of all our friends, we give here the text of the letter and copies of the signatures attached to it.

August 13, 1934

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
This is to introduce and authorize—whose name is signed here, to solicit donations for the General Drivers Union Local No. 574. Your co-operation in this matter will be deeply appreciated. All merchants donating are asked to give this solicitor a written order for whatever they wish to donate (do not give solicitors actual donation). This order will be returned to headquarters, stamped with our official seal and then an authorized agent of 574 will be sent out to you to make collections of your donation. Your assurance that the collector is a bona fide agent will be indicated by our official stamp on your original order. This is done in order to protect both parties from people not connected with this organization who have been taking advantage of our position and making a racket out of it, and does not in any way cast any reflection on the honesty of our solicitors.

We also wish to state that the receipt of any donation will be broadcast over our own radio station here at headquarters if you desire. Kindly authorize your desire in writing.

Thanking you cordially, we remain,

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*Thomas Smith*

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## 574 Leaders At Pine City

### Address Farmers Holiday Ass'n Picnic

Several thousand farmers of Pine County were present at a picnic held Sunday under the auspices of the Pine County Farmers Holiday Association at Pine City, for the purpose of meeting a delegation of 574 members led by officials of the Union. President Bill Brown and other strike leaders, as well as farm leaders, spoke.

The 574 delegation went to Pine City for the purpose of thanking the members of the Holiday Association for the many truckloads of food which they have donated to the Strike Commissary. A committee led by Big Bob has been up in Pine County almost daily during the past week and has secured contributions from hundreds of farmers. Another rich truckload of meats and vegetables arrived at Strike Headquarters this morning from Pine County.

The program of the afternoon included a lunch served by the Holiday Association members, music, athletics and dancing. The broadcasting apparatus was transported from Strike Headquarters for the meeting. The speakers on behalf of Local 574 were Grant Dunne, Bill Brown and Miles Dunne. All three extended the deep appreciation of Local 574 for the practical backing given by the Pine County farmers, and pledged similar support in the event of need. The note of solidarity between exploited urban workers and exploited rural workers was stressed.

Similarly, the representatives of the Pine County farmers pledged solidarity with the workers of Minneapolis. N. P. Needyard, President of the Pine County Farmers Holiday Association, and Hjalmar Sandell, its Secretary, expressed the pleasure of the farmers at being able to help the strikers. Albert Dunbar of Cambridge, President of the

Isanti County Farmers Holiday Association, also spoke, stating that Isanti had also been honored to help the Strike Committee by supplying food.

Harold Peterson, an officer of the Holiday and an official of the State Department of Agriculture, also spoke. He pointed out that at no time have the strikers hindered farmers from selling their produce at retail in Minneapolis. Two thousand copies of The Organizer were distributed at the picnic and a collection made.

The canary raffle was won by a kid named Murphy; the bird brought \$20.85.

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