

# TONIGHT!

Presentation of \$1,000 by Cooks and Waiters International Union! -- Hear Guest Speakers, Strike Headquarters, 215 S. 8th St., 8 P. M.

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# Cooks and Waiters Give \$1,000

## Olson Moves Hurt Strike

### Delegation's Demands Not Met by Governor

The actions taken by Gov. Olson as a result of complaints against chiseling laid before him yesterday by a delegation from the Strike Committee of 100 are in no way satisfactory, according to Grant Dunne, who led the delegation. Dunne made the following statement:

"The Governor issue an order against private cars transporting for commercial purposes. The way this is put into effect for a few hours at a time does not stop the evils. As for regulations on meat and grocery deliveries by trucks not covered by the Haas-Dunnigan agreement, these are equally bad.

"It comes down to this: the holdout firms get a chance to do all their transporting in two days instead of in six. The damage to the strikers is done and the firms pay their men for two days instead of for six. They suffer no inconvenience through the permit system. Only the strikers are harmed. The Governor has broken his public promise to keep the market closed. There is no substitute for pickets."

Other complaints against the permit system and the military regime in general are flowing in constantly.

Yesterday a number of men were released from the stockade and given back their cars, which the militia had previously confiscated. This morning the militia rounded these men up and took the cars back again, although they admitted there was no complaint against the owners or drivers.

One of these cars was that owned by P. L. Deckers, who was released from the stockade yesterday. This morning he was driving back to the stockade to bring defense witnesses in the case of "Speed" Wachter. Although he told the guards who stopped him what his mission was, they refused to let him proceed. They impounded his car and prevented the witnesses from getting to the stockade. Apparently the attitude is that since all the trials are farces anyway, there is no use in the defense bothering with witnesses.

A number of peaceful pickets were interfered with this morning, and at the same time guards ignored permit violators who moved trucks with impunity.

The military judge still refuses to let **The Organizer** be represented at the military trials because he does not want the truth reported.

### Stop "Organizer" Sellers

Art Rundy, a Northern Pacific dick, yesterday chased two **Organizer** sellers out of the N. P. yards and took away their papers and collection cans. A complaint was entered by the Strike Committee and Switchmen's Local 30.

Our railroad brothers stated that they want to be able to get the **Organizer** and that our sellers must not be annoyed. Today new sellers will be sent out. The N. P. bosses and straw-bosses will have to learn that they cannot annoy us with impunity. Steps will be taken to get back the cans from Rundy and to check the contents.

COME TO  
HEADQUARTERS TONITE!

## A New Strike-Breaking Scheme

Those members of our union—and there are quite a few of them—who have kept track of developments in the labor movement throughout the country since the NRA was established have taken note of the raw deals handed out to the workers in most every case, and have tried to learn something from the bad experiences of our fellow workers in other industrial disputes. That is the main reason our union was not caught off guard when the federal mediators suddenly turned on us the other day and attempted to use their authority and prestige as Government representatives to ram the bosses' settlement scheme down our throats.

The prestige of the NRA is not what it was a year ago. Workers who first hailed the NRA as the new deal on wheels soon learned, by bitter experience, to call it the "National Run-Around." This is the name the disappointed steel workers gave it. The United Textile Workers of America attacked the various boards of the NRA as "agencies and associations of employers" at their annual convention in New York yesterday.

This is the way disillusioned workers all over the country are talking.

With this experience of other trade unionists in mind, we never saw any good reason to regard the federal mediators sent to Minneapolis, nor the agencies they represented, as saviors or friends of labor. Just the contrary. Although our negotiating committee accorded Father Haas and Mr. Dunnigan every courtesy, and gave tentative consideration to everything they had to say and every proposal they had to make, the attitude of Local 574 in the situation has been one of watchful waiting, not unmixed with caution and even a certain distrust.

That this attitude was amply justified was demonstrated Monday night when the Federal mediators, reversing the position they had previously taken, attempted to sell the rotten settlement scheme of the Citizens Alliance to our Strike Committee of 100 over the heads of our Negotiating Committee.

Now, from all appearances, the Federal mediators are sponsoring another strike-breaking maneuver of the bosses to settle the fate of union men on strike by holding an "election" and taking a vote of the scabs.

We know nothing about this new move, except that it was worked out by the bosses and that the Federal mediators have recommended it. Local 574 has not been consulted and, naturally, has nothing whatever to do with it.

We can say this, however. Our union is fighting for definite demands, fighting by the time-honored method of organization and strike. What the mediators and the NRA boards and the bosses do behind our backs is strictly an affair between themselves. They can parade the scabs and imported thugs through an "election" every morning, and again every afternoon, for all we care. It is no concern of ours.

But if they try to bind us by such a transparent fraud, if they try to break our strike by such a crooked maneuver—then we will have something to say, and we will say plenty.

And you can be sure that other trade unionists will join in the chorus until it be-

comes a roar of protest that will be heard around the country, and in Washington, too. If the attempt of the Federal mediators to go over the head of the union leadership raised the members of Local 574 to their feet in alarm at such a disruptive move on the part of representatives of Government agencies, the new proposition to hold an election of scabs during a strike cannot fail to stir up a hornets' nest in the entire labor movement.

Such an outrageous procedure hits at the very foundations of independent trade unionism and the right to strike.

It is only one step removed from the attempt to take away the right to strike altogether, and to confine and limit the activities of workers, seeking redress for intolerable grievances and iniquities, to the endless maze of discussion in which nothing ever happens except that the worker gets it in the neck—the "National Run-Around" as the cheated and embittered steel workers called it.

The right of the workers to organize for mutual protection is the very foundation of their right to an independent existence free from the control of the employers. The workers have conquered that right for themselves in over a century of struggle. They will accept no shoddy substitute, not even if it bears the trade mark of the NRA or any other Governmental agency.

The right of the workers to strike for the redress of grievances is the only thing that gives real meaning to the right to organize. Union men will not subject this inviolable right to the approval of anybody—neither to the organized employers, nor to the NRA boards, and certainly not to the approval of scabs and professional strike-breakers.

As we said before, we know nothing about the details of the latest scheme hatched by the bosses and supported by the Federal mediators. But it has all the earmarks of a sinister anti-union maneuver which would set a precedent for the virtual outlawing of the right to organize and strike.

TRADE UNIONISTS, BE ON GUARD!

### THANKS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The generous donation of \$1,000 made to the strike fund of Local 574 by the convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes and Beverage Dispensers Alliance is the biggest news event of the day for the members of our organization. With blows falling on our heads and traps being set for our feet, it is encouraging indeed to see a group of fellow workers of our own class come forward with a helping hand—and a thousand dollars in the hand.

The greatest weapon of the bosses, and the one they rely on with cold calculation, is the weapon of hunger. Such donations as that made by the cooks and waiters and bartenders shield us against the bosses' scheme to starve us out. As long as we can eat, we can fight.

But even more than the material aid, we appreciate the beautiful spirit of class solidarity which inspired the donation. It is practical testimony of the sympathy which other workers in other trades and other cities feel for our great fight. With their help we will fight on and win.

## Ceremony at 8th St. Tonite

### Convention Delegates to Address Strikers

Announcement was made last night that the annual Convention of the Bartenders, Cooks and Waiters International, now in session at Eagle's hall in this city, has donated \$1,000 to the strike fund of Drivers Local 574. The news that this International was thus giving not only its endorsement to the demands of the strikers and the policy of the Strike Committee, but practical support of an essential kind, stirred great enthusiasm among the strikers.

Tonight a formal presentation of a check for \$1,000 will be made at a mass meeting in Strike Headquarters, 215 South 8th St., to begin at 8 o'clock. There will be speeches by leading officials of the cooks and waiters union, as well as speeches of greeting by President Bill Brown of 574 and other union and strike officials.

Last night's open house at Strike Headquarters was featured by the participation of a number of guest speakers, all of them delegates at the cooks and waiters convention. They brought greetings to the heroic striking drivers from every part of the United States and congratulated Local 574 on its historic battle for trade unionism. "Your fight is ours; we stand with you to the end;" this was the greeting brought by delegate after delegate. Among the speakers, in addition to President Bill Brown of Local 574, were:

M. J. Iverson of Gary, Ind., business agent of a bartenders' local and member-at-large of Drivers Local 142; George W. Holbert of Local 444, Chicago; William Lehman, Local 1, New York City and Third International Vice-President of the Union; Louis Rifkin and Eddie Hagen of Local 2, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sam Spitzer of Local 1, New York City; Harry Paulussen of Local 508, Atlantic City, N. J.; and J. Levirt Kelly, President of Local 444, Chicago, Ill.

Brother Kelly, hailing from the famous Chicago South Side Negro section, moved the audience to enthusiastic applause as he told how he was shot down on the street by boss thugs and how his life was saved by a white worker who belonged to the Chicago Drivers Union. Pointing out his intimate bonds of solidarity with the drivers as a result of this, he joined the other guest speakers in promising to get further aid for the Minneapolis strikers on his return home after the convention.

Business Agent Leslie Sinton of the Minneapolis local of bartenders, cooks and waiters, also spoke, telling the audience of the fraternal feelings for the strikers manifested at the convention to which he is a delegate.

### Dance Tomorrow Night

A Hard-Time Dance will be held tomorrow night at Union Headquarters, 225 S. Third St. All strikers, workers and friends invited. Admission will be 25 cents and up, payable in food, tobacco, cigarettes or other merchandise useful to the Strike Committee for distribution to strikers.



**Bartender Jess**

"Well, Davey," said the union bartender as he put aside **The Organizer**, which was immediately picked up by Mr. Joe Muller, "I see that Floyd is still doin' ev'ry little thing he can to help the boys in 574. Believe me, the workin' men done right when they elected Olson. He's the very backbone o' this here strike, you might say. If it weren't for him, the strike would o' been over long ago."

Jess paused. Dave knew what was expected of him. "How do you figure that?" he asked.

"There are lots o' hotheads goin' around town sayin' that the Gove'nor ain't bein' exactly kosher with the Union. Which just shows you to what far-flung conclusions a bit o' hasty thinkin' will carry you. Member, Dave, durin' the first week o' the strike, how th' Union had the town tied up in a Boy Scout knot? And what was the result? Over-confidence! Cockiness! The strike committee figured that at last they had the big boys just where they wanted them. They was blind to the dangers involved in the situation. They weren't smart enough to see that they was treadin' on eggs. Why if they hadn't been jerked up right quick, they might've won the strike then and there.

"And who put 'em wise? Who recalled that competition is the life-blood o' the world, and threw th' soldiers into the ring agin the Union? Who was the only man who give a thought to the cash customers and was interested to see that they got a run for their money? No one but Uncle Floyd.

"Now you might o' thought that the strike leaders would o' been grateful to the Gove'nor for pointin' this out to 'em. But you're wrong. Instead they turned on him like the flock o' ingrates they are, and lambasted him all over Hennepin County for throwin' the troops in and prolongin' things. 'To hell with the cash customers,' sez Brown an' the Dunne brothers. The trouble is, Davey, these guys aren't natural showmen like Floyd is. They was willin' to pull the show off o' the road just when it was packin' them in the aisles.

"That was the first time Floyd saved the day. But Floyd ain't no fair-weather friend—with you today and agin you tomorrow. And I'm willin' to tell him that to his face—to both o' his faces, if necessary."

"The time came when the strike headquarters was so dirty that it was like one o' these malaria swamps down in South America. Strikers was dyin like flies, and men and women was crawlin' on the floor in deliriums.

"When Floyd here's a this terrible situation, does he just raise his eyebrows and spread his hands? Indeedy not! He sends his army over on the double-quick to clean things up.

"But where the big heart o' the man shows through like gold is in the treatment that he sees the boarders over at the State Fair grounds got. Now he knows that these poor workin' men can't afford to get out o' the muck and dust o' the city and run up to Breezy Point for a vacation. So what does he do but bring the country to the city. Outside plumbin, flies and sand in the food, leaky tents and too few blankets. Why all the soldiers has to do is to put ants in the pickets' pants and put cows in the pasture, and the boys will think it's a regular picnic."

Here Jess picked up a dirty glass and put it under the faucet. "Do you think, Jess, Olson has the working man's sympathy?" asked Dave.

"Oh, yes," said the union bartender, "he's got the workin' man's sympathy all right. Right between the chin and the Adam's apple is where he's got it."

**Correction**

Due to a reporter's error, yesterday's **Organizer** stated that Brother Charles Cabana represented the package delivery group in the delegation which visited Governor Olson yesterday. This was an error, as Brother Cabana has not represented this group since July 28, at which time he was taken ill. Bill Watkins is now representing the package delivery group.

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**MCCW MEETINGS**  
(8 P. M. Unless Otherwise Stated)  
**TONIGHT**—North Branch—1426 6th Ave. N. Basement Hall.  
**FRIDAY**—Downtown Branch—225 S. Third St. Small Hall.  
**MONDAY**—Franklin Branch—1500 E. Franklin Ave.  
**MONDAY**—East Side Branch—225 S. Third St. Small Hall.  
**TUESDAY**—South Branch—4201 Cedar Ave. Fire Hall.  
**WEDNESDAY**—Central Council. 629 Third Ave. S., Room 50.  
**NEXT THURSDAY**—3 p. m., Hennepin County Delegations at 629 Third Ave. S., Room 50.  
Far South, Far North, and other groups please report **NEW HEADQUARTERS**, 629 Third Ave. S., Room 50.

**The Workers Voice**

The following letter was received the other day by Brother Harry De Boer, who is in the hospital with wounds received on Bloody Friday:

Dear Harry:  
I met Frank, your brother, the other day and requested of him your address.

Having obtained it I figured that as you are laid up and have nothing else to do, that you would have plenty of time to read any letters that were forced on you.

Well, Harry, old top, it sure does me good to know that the son of my old friend, Bill De Boer, has courage, guts, and principle. What we in this nation need is a few men of your kind. You know, Harry, that someone has to take the lead in anything that will help mankind. And the ones who have the courage to forge ahead are bound to have to pay a greater or less price for their advanced ideas.

So stick to your principles, boy, and rest assured that when economic conditions are changed for the better you will have the personal satisfaction of knowing that you have done your part to bring them about.

I was very sorry to hear of your injury and hope that you will soon be up and around so that you may be able to take part in any future battles that may come up.

I haven't seen your dad since his return from the city but believe me, Harry, the old man is surely pleased to know that his son has proven his courage.

Well, Harry, I will now say good night and hoping this letter finds you improving, I am,  
Your loyal friend,  
CHAS. P. ROBINSON  
623 S. Main St.  
Crookston, Minn.

Dear Organizer:  
I controlled my temper and listened to Mr. Harold Hofstedt's speech over WCCO Tuesday evening. I've known the strike leaders he referred to for a long time, and there are no finer men to be found anywhere.

If he thinks he is the one who has the public sentiment, it's a pity he wouldn't open his eyes once and look around before he opens his mouth.

He is my idea of a -----, letting himself be bribed to that extent. It's because people like him who knock their own bread and butter are around, that we find this good old world such a tough place to live in.

Signed: One who was accused of thinking a boycott was a male apricot.

To the Editor:

While not a member of any labor organization, I do take exception to some of the statements made by one Harold O. Hofstedt in the Minneapolis **Journal** of August 12th, relative to some of the leaders of the truck drivers union. In his published statement Mr. Hofstedt claims that V. R. Dunne has been a professional agitator since 1905. Having known the Dunne family for the past thirty years, I can not recollect V. R. (who was then about 15 years of age) being a professional agitator since 1905.

As for traveling over the United States, the Minneapolis city directory lists him in an executive position with a local fuel concern for over twenty years.

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**Welfare Board Runs For Cover Quickly**

The Welfare Board in special session Tuesday failed to hear demands of a labor committee bent on ending relief discrimination against strikers. But our kind (?) missing Mayor and Kjolraug's protegee, Joe Martin, frightened at probable drastic action on relief abuses, apparently ordered strikers' complaints immediately satisfied to quiet the big storm that's brewing. Relief requests of strikers were quickly granted although previously denied.

On Saturday, a special Joint Relief Committee aided by MCCW leaders experienced in relief matters, requested a special Board meeting on the strikers' complaints. But a special meeting had already been called for Tuesday on another matter and the committee was told it could then present its requests. The committee drew up the following demands:

- 1. That NEED be the sole determining factor in granting public relief.
- 2. That immediate adequate emergency food orders be granted on evidence of need such as recommendations of authoritative committee of workers.
- 3. That the right of applicants to have representatives accompany them in all matters of public relief be recognized and guaranteed.

The Welfare Board adjourned its meeting without hearing the Joint Committee. Hundreds of interested citizens, business agents and other representatives from labor unions immediately jumped to their feet, crowded around the big table, protested angrily and hurled case after case of serious discriminations into the teeth of flustered officials.

Joe Martin, big relief boss in Kjolraug's absence, denied knowledge of discriminations, insisted that need is the only basis of relief, and shielded clients' rights to representation. However, Martin and Board members sidled into the Missing Mayor's sanctum (where he failed to be missing), discussed ominous prospects and sent for names of cases wherein discrimination was alleged. The list was presently furnished and word quickly came back that each complainant might call for the relief requested—AND GET IT.

**Circle Calls Mass Rally**

Representatives of Local 574 will be the speakers at a mass meeting to be held tonight at the Labor Lyceum, 1426 Sixth Ave. N., at 8 p. m. They will discuss the latest developments in the strike situation. Among those expected to speak are Bill Brown, President of 574, one of the Dunne brothers, Farrell Dobbs, the editor of **The Organizer**, and Albert Goldman, attorney for the union. Admission is free. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the District Committee of the Workmen's Circle.

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**News and Views**

According to a survey made by the **New York Times**, 29 people have been killed in strikes since January 1. Which indicates that Minneapolis has more than its per capita share of murderous police.

Mrs. Carle, Chairman of the Commissary, was scalded in the kitchen the other day.

Report has it that the mudguards get \$1.95 daily wages and \$1.25 food allowance. Not so bad for loafing.

George Baskin of 2909 Tenth Ave. S. has a friend in Portugal, a high school student named Jose-fina Ramas Da Lilva. She writes him that the Portuguese newspapers report that there is a revolution in Minneapolis. Must be Citizens Alliance newspapers!

Happy's Gorillas lost another game to Swanson's finks today, and in the battle Ed Bove almost lost a toe. He got first aid and is now recovering—still in the stockade, of course.

Mrs. John Laland, 706 South 9th St., whose husband is in the stockade, wants to sell a Model T touring car for \$20.

Among those released from the stockade, because the militia never had any evidence against them and finally had to let go, are the following: Ed Nelson, Martin Mousseau, Harold Christianson, Roy Jalling, Edward Long, Art Kaplan, Myron Boguta, Lee Glynn, Clarence Bove and Ohman.

The delegates to the cooks and waiters convention have expressed admiration for **The Organizer**. They think a strike daily is a great innovation.

The following Food Guild stores, being anti-union, refuse to join in forcing Jordan-Stevens to sign the Haas-Dunnigan agree-

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ment: B. H. Stenstrom, 2856 Johnson St. N. E.; M. E. White, Bryn Mawr district; Warwick Grocery, 130 Warwick St. S. E. A complete checkup is being made and the results will be published tomorrow.

How the militia carries out the permit system, and what martial law means for the strike is well illustrated by these two incidents: some strikers were watching a link out at 45th and Marshall N. E. The guards did not hesitate to go outside Hennepin County onto territory not covered by martial law, in order to protect finks. But when pickets reported that a truck was loading without permit at 7th and 3rd Ave. South, a stone's throw from the armory, an hour and a quarter passed without any guards turning up. For the finks they break their necks and even martial "law;" for pickets they will not move.

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