

# LATE FLASH!

## All Prisoners of Olson's Militia Hit Conditions by Hunger Strike

All 55 pickets held in the Workhouse by the militia are on hunger strike against intolerable sloop being served to them as food.

When slops were put before them for supper, the prisoners refused to a man to eat. They were then returned to cells, each isolated from the other, and kept all night in a jungle of bedbugs. This morning they were again offered food unfit for human consumption.

When I was released from the Workhouse about noon, the prisoners had determined to eat nothing until food and general conditions are improved. They urge the brothers outside to raise a protest on their behalf, and to bring a speedy end to their intolerable situation.

—Happy Holstein

# DAILY STRIKE BULLETIN

UNITED  
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## THE ORGANIZER



SMASH THE  
CITIZENS  
ALLIANCE

TWO TWENTY-FIVE

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# Union Busters Busted!

## Looie Shows Hate of 574

### Guards Impede, Insult Union Men

Governor Olson's National Guard gave another touching testimonial of their friendship to the strikers last night and furnished another reason why the workers should take off their hats and cheer for the Governor and Commander in Chief of the state troops. This happened when a truckful of lieutenants and non-commissioned officers stopped a union car and presented their compliments to Grant Dunne and other members of the Strike Committee of 100.

Dunne and four other members of Local 574 left the meeting at 614 First Avenue North after the treacherous conspiracy to split the union in the midst of the strike had been smashed. Passing through a cordon of guards, detectives and finks who had been ejected from the meeting, the union men got into a 574 car and started for Strike Headquarters.

At Ninth and Hennepin a National Guard truck pushed the union car to the curb.

"Get out, you sons of bitches, and keep your hands in the air," said the lieutenant in charge, as four of them, armed with rifles and fixed bayonets, climbed out of the military truck and surrounded the union men.

The non-commissioned officers remaining in the truck fixed a machine gun in position to perforate the union men at a moment's notice.

"What is this all about?" asked Grant Dunne.

"None of your God damned business," answered one of the lieutenants. "Just keep your hands up. What have you got in that car?"

"See for yourself," answered Grant.

They searched the car like a squad of dicks going through a workingman's home in search of a pint of moonshine. They pulled out the seats, opened the trunk at the rear of the car, raised the hood, and frisked all over the innocent tin Lizzie that hadn't received so much attention since the day it was rolled off the assembling line in 1923. They didn't find anything except a bundle of Organizers and a can of snoose.

"Whose snoose is dis?" asked the lieutenant belligerently.

"Not mine," said Grant. "Charge me with any crime you wish—robbery, murder, mahem, unionism, communism or rheumatism, but don't accuse me of chewing snoose."

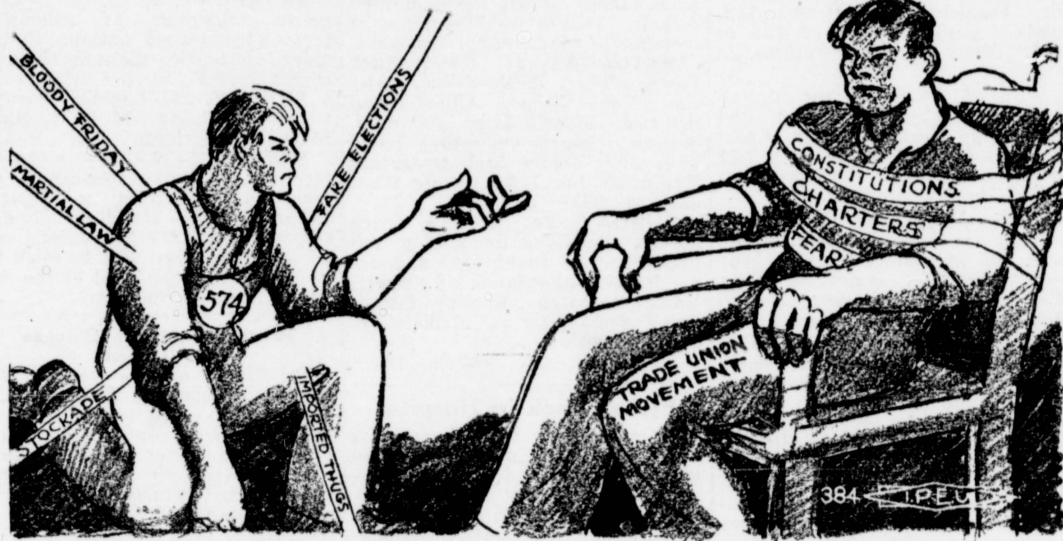
Another search of the car from stem to stern revealed nothing.

Meanwhile the union men were kept standing with their arms extended in the air. Some boys at the cab stand across the street were emitting queer noises which sounded like Bronx cheers. Somebody shouted: "Get that crate off the street." Another voice was heard from the general direction of the cab stand: "Does your mama know you're out?"

"Who said dat?" asked the lieutenant, as he marched to the cab stand.

"Not me, chief," said a cab driver. "I'm deaf, dumb and blind."

All this time the 574 men were



"What do you say, Brother? Are you going to help me?"

## Oil Men Nip Plot in Bud

### Paul Smith's Dirty Scheme Falls Flat

A conspiracy to split the members of Local 574 into several unions, similar to the bosses' plan to split us into 166 powerless company unions, was smashed last night by action of the oil workers of 574.

The conspiracy was started by Paul Smith, agent of the A. F. of L. big shots in Washington, aided by a tool inside 574. Arriving some days ago in the midst of the strike, he offered no aid or encouragement to the strikers. Instead, he began a sinister attempt to split the oil workers out of the union while it is fighting the bosses with its back against the wall.

In his effort to take the oil workers out of Local 574, Smith got the aid of George Lund, a 574 member who only a week ago asked and got the Strike Committee's endorsement as steward of the oil workers.

Last night several hundred oil workers came to a meeting called at Central Labor Union headquarters by Smith and Co. Some of them were fooled into coming, some were terrorized, others came to find what it was all about.

Smith and Co. feared that they would have trouble because the oil workers want to stay with the truck drivers as that is their natural place and gives them their best protection. The oil workers have also been satisfied with negotiations conducted with the bosses under 574's direction.

Fearing they could not fool the workers, Smith and Co. brought to this union meeting twelve detectives, one rat who was a special dep in the May strike, and some thugs believed to be of the Berg-off gang imported from New York as strike-breakers by the Citizens Alliance.

Despite the gunmen, Smith and Co. feared to start the meeting when they discovered the presence of a delegation from the Strike Committee. Smith turned tail and disappeared. When the workers yelled for the meeting to begin, Lund denied he had called it and refused to take the chair.

Grant Dunne arose and asked who had called the meeting and who wanted to start it. Nobody volunteered, so he got a gavel and called for order. Ray Dunne arose and moved that nothing be done until the room had been cleared of detectives. This was adopted unanimously. Deserted by their organizer, Mr. Smith, the rats scurried out of the room.

Grant Dunne next addressed a few words to the petroleum workers, explaining to them the nature and purpose of Smith's plot and urging them not to take any rash step until they had considered the matter thoroughly.

The petroleum workers then proceeded to elect their own chairman, selecting a man known to be favorable to staying in Local 574 and opposed to all splitting tactics. This chairman took charge and Dunne and the delegation from the Strike Committee departed.

After a brief discussion, the petroleum workers appointed a committee to look into the whole question more thoroughly and to report at another meeting.

## How About the Leaders?

The union-smashing, open-shop campaign of the Citizens Alliance is concentrated for the present on Local 574, the most militant and aggressive union in town.

"If we can smash this union," they say, "it will be a simple matter to clean up on the others, one by one."

They are out to smash Local 574.

All the bosses and all the tools of the bosses have been lined up for this fight. The whole power of the employing class today is directed against a single local union.

What can the workers do? How can they fight back in such an effective manner as to win the day for unionism?

The way to do this now has been indicated by Local 574 in the proposal laid before the Central Labor Union and the State Convention of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, asking the endorsement of these bodies for a 48-hour general demonstration strike.

Many people raise their hands in holy horror at the mention of a general strike. As for the bosses and their political tools, they have reason to get the shivers. The kind of a strike we have in mind will smash their company union-fake election schemes like a house of cards.

But why should any worker or labor leader be afraid?

The failure of the San Francisco general strike is brought up by every exploiter as a warning that labor cannot succeed when it strikes unitedly. Some labor "leaders" with the psychology of slaves chime in and say: "Don't clench your fists; get down

on your knees—this is the way to get favors from the bosses."

We answer: We are not asking for favors. We are fighting for our rights, and we want no advice from cowards.

San Francisco? The trouble with the San Francisco general strike was that it was not a real strike. It had no definite aims. It had no leadership. It was not the idea of the general strike that was discredited there, but unworthy, incompetent and treacherous leadership.

We propose something different.

First, we point out the facts. The whole force of the employing class, and all their political tools, is directed against Local

### ALL OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Eagles Hall, 4th Ave. and 8th St.  
Tonight at 8 o'clock

Local 574 calls on every member to attend this meeting where information of the highest importance to the union and to every member of the union will be given out. Action will be taken on problems of great significance to you. Come early. This duty is as important as duty on the picket line. All out!

574. Our union is fighting back. We are trying to teach the workers of Minneapolis, by example, that the policy of determined struggle is the best policy.

But the bosses and their political tools are ganging up on us. We need help.

And where shall we get it except from our own fellow unionists?

A 48-hour general strike of all the trade unions of Minneapolis will be a warning to the labor-hating bosses that Minneapolis labor is getting mad.

Such a powerful demonstration will turn the tide.

What is needed for it?

Only one thing!

Courage!

The rank and file of all the unions have got plenty of it.

They are just as game as the members of fighting 574.

How about the leaders?

standing with their arms in the air, menaced by bayonets. When the second search of the car was finished, Grant Dunne asked the lieutenant who seemed to be directing things:

"What is your authority for

this interference with a union car? Whose orders are you carrying out?"

"None of your God damned business," said the exponent of Governor Olson's martial law.

"Now you lousy bastards get back

in the car and be quick about it." The union men got back in the car.

"Get going," said Young Mussolini.

The union car drove back to Strike Headquarters.

News and Views

The commissary is now serving meals from six to eleven in the morning; from noon to three; from five to eight at night. Meals from midnight to two o'clock in the morning served on pass only.

We are informed that three large Food Guild stores absolutely refuse to deal with Jordan-Stevens, wholesale grocers, until the latter accept the Haas-Dunnigan plan. The three stores which are 100 percent for a union are H. H. Purdy, Russell, Minn.; G. L. Heelm, Winthrop, Minn., and the Bundle Cash Store, Waseca, Minn. We would like to hear from the Food Guild Stores in the city of Minneapolis. How many of them stand behind the union men who spend their dollars there?

All out Saturday night for a BEEG dance and entertainment at the Union's hall at 225 South Third Street. George Hanson and Mrs. Clara Dunne, of the entertainment committee, are whipping together a marvelous program which will insure that everyone has a grand time waiting for him—and her. Next Saturday night! Plan on it now!

Two scabs who walked into the Emerald Club for drinks the other night found the atmosphere so cool to such men as themselves, that they left in a hurry.

The Commissary proposes that the Union bill Col. McDevitt for hand-outs to under-nourished guardsmen. They are becoming a regular affair.

The truck loads of meat and foodstuffs brought in from Sandstone, Minn., were collected by R. L. Lawson and Chester Guenby. The boys who brought in the loads can't praise Brother Lawson too much for his splendid co-operation. Many thanks to our friends at Sandstone, Minn.

Can there be any doubt that the boys in the stockade just loved the cold weather last night? Their gratitude to Olson's troops must have increased a lot after that exposure.

Harry DeBoer claims he is the best looking man in the Union.

More donations to be raffled off: a miniature upholstered davenport donated by the Fremont Upholstering Company, 1319 44th Ave. N.; and a beautiful doll lamp shade, given by Mrs. Scheiffbein, 642 Monroe St. N. E.

Irving Gould and Frank White were released from the stockade Saturday after spending a pleasant (?) two-weeks vacation at Olson's Resort.

Mr. Sloan, our veteran announcer, begins to show signs of cracking under the strain. Sunday night he danced a very beautiful number in the front office.

Clarence Nyberg was released from the stockade Saturday. His ruddy complexion is attributed partly to the sun, and partly to anger at being "fenced in."

Eugene Crocker is back in the hospital. His leg is in pretty bad shape, but we all hope he will feel better in a day or two.

Otis Shugren is now well enough to be in a ward. He plans to be out of the hospital in another week.

Happy Haligan walks around with a queer look in his eyes these days. We hear that Happy is in danger of leaving the Benedicts club, and becoming just another husband.

The stockade boys notify us of their ticket for the next elections, stating that Frank Watterman, the cook, and his 14 children are backing the campaign: Sam Swanson for Mayor, Happy Holstein for Police Chief, Beat for Attorney General, and Bill Brown for Governor. They add that "after hearing the report of Roy Wier, that great labor leader," they think they will give that job to the Mayor.

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Friends Aid Strike Fund

Donations in Cash, Goods Received

Financial aid from a number of Unions and other organizations, as well as from individuals has come in during the last few days. Local 574 is deeply grateful for any such aid, as it is hard-pressed to provide the necessities of life for many members after five weeks of hot struggle. The following are among the contributions recently received:

The George Helme Company has donated five more cases of Norseman's Snuff to 574, which makes a total of 25 cases (over 2,000 boxes) that this sympathetic outfit has given since the strike began. Two thousand thanks, Helme Company, from the Union's snooze-hounds.

574 gratefully acknowledges donations from the following: Hygienic Artificial Ice Co.; Cedar Lake Ice Co.; East Side Bakery; Monahan Bakery, 22nd and Washington St. N. E.; Third Street Bakery, 17th and 3rd St. N. E.

On Saturday, the Public Service Employees, Local No. 113, made a cash donation of \$25 to 574. Many thanks, brothers in 113.

Also on Saturday, the Melrov Employees, affiliated with United Hatters of North America, Local No. 39, donated \$9 to help 574 in its fight against the open shop dogs. Thanks, brothers.

Henry Holm, 907 Cedar Avenue South, has donated eleven cases of mechanics soap to our boys. Cleanliness is next to Unity. We appreciate the soap, Friend Holm.

And on Sunday, a delegation from the Yellow Cab drivers came down to headquarters, bearing a gift of \$20.25 which they had collected to help us in our fight for better working conditions.

Donations are acknowledged from the employes of Egekvist's, totaling \$43. Also many donations of 50 cents to a dollar from workers at the Headquarters meetings. Unfortunately we cannot list all names in The Organizer because of lack of space.

The Workers Voice

Clinton, Minn., Aug. 19, 1934. General Drivers and Helpers Union 215 South Eighth St. Minneapolis, Minn. Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers Holiday Association of Big Stone County, held last night, I, as secretary of the association, was instructed to write you, pledging our support in your effort to secure justice for yourselves, your families and your fellow men.

I regret that we are unable to collect food or livestock or give financial support in your struggle because of the severe drought in this county the last two years. Many of our residents have been on relief during the past year and nearly all will be on relief the coming winter.

However, I want to assure you that our membership will do all they can in withholding patronage from local merchants who patronize wholesale and transportation companies opposing the General Drivers and Helpers Union in their struggle.

Fraternally yours, KURT GUENTHER Secretary of Big Stone County Holiday Ass'n.

Dear Editor:

Seems as if the Broadway public relief station is out of tune. In fact, it must have several bum strings. First the doorman causes arrest of an MCCW official for accompanying a client at her request. Then an attempt is made to prevent reading of The Organizer on the premises. Now a 574 member is denied his ERA wages earned working for the United States Government, solely because he might use some of it to pay his union dues.

It's time some of those cheap nickel strings are replaced to promote harmony.

MCCW

Vaithalla Cafe at 105 Washington Ave. S., Larson, Mgr., is opposed to 574. Walter Smith was laid off for refusing to act as a strike-breaker by hauling meat and potatoes in a private car.

MCCW MEETING Tonight a 8 o'clock South Branch, 4201 Cedar Ave. Fire Hall

The Fight of 574

A Day by Day History of the Great Strike

JULY

SUNDAY, 15. Citizens Alliance begins assault. With aid of Wesley church minister, it calls "opposition" meeting of finks which is turned into strike demonstration by 574 leaders. First appearance of the now historic daily strike bulletin, The Organizer.

MONDAY, 16. The strike, voted unanimously, begins at midnight. Picketing begins immediately. Strike Committee of 100 set up.

TUESDAY, 17. Not a truck moves. Unemployed flock into MCCW to aid strikers on picket line.

WEDNESDAY, 18. Not a truck moves. Commissary set up in General Strike Headquarters, 225 S. 3rd St.

THURSDAY, 19. One hundred fifty cops move one (1) truck. Citizens Alliance, in full page ads in kept press, threaten violence to strikers.

FRIDAY, 20. Not a truck moves. Bloody Johannes and his thugs, at order of Citizens Alliance, shoot down 50 unarmed pickets. 15,000 workers mass at meeting to condemn the massacre.

SATURDAY, 21. Not a truck moves. Henry B. Ness died, a victim of the Citizens Alliance and its tool, Bloody Mike Johannes. Motion Picture Operators Local 219, and Steam and Operating Engineers Local 34 donate \$100 each to strike fund.

SUNDAY, 22. Not a truck moves. Petitions demanding impeachment of Bainbridge and Johannes find thousands of signers. Bosses threaten Monday "deadline," demanding all strikers return to work.

MONDAY, 23. Not a truck

moves. Picket lines four times as big as usual. Bosses "deadline" a complete flop. ERA workers come out solidly in support of 574.

TUESDAY, 24. Not a truck moves. Henry B. Ness funeral attended by 40,000 workers. Citizens Alliance attempts to suppress The Organizer.

WEDNESDAY, 25. Cops move 22 trucks under heavy armed convoys. The International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Lodge 11, demands that Governor Olson remove Bainbridge and Johannes, charging them with murder.

THURSDAY, 26. Olson declares martial law. Local 574 demands recall of troops. Unit 33 of the Bonus Expeditionary Force adopts resolution demanding removal of Bainbridge and Bloody Johannes.

FRIDAY, 27. 15,000 workers mass at Parade Grounds to protest against the use of troops to help the Citizens Alliance. Workers catch hiring thugs of bosses smashing windows in market to discredit strikers.

SATURDAY, 28. Local 574 receives telegrams of solidarity from all parts of nation. Movement of trucks mounts steadily with aid of National Guard.

SUNDAY, 29. 8,000 at Parade Grounds support 574 in its fight for workers' rights.

MONDAY, 30. At morning meeting of Strike Committee of 100, representatives of Central Labor Union, Building Trades Council and 12 other unions endorse strike, urge 574 to stick to its guns. Cochran, tool of the Alliance, renews red scare.

Transportation to Chicago Is Wanted

On Friday of this week by an MCCW delegation of five to attend an important one or two-day unemployment conference there. Please report offers at once to any officer of the MCCW. Contributions toward expenses of the trip will also be thankfully received by the MCCW.

Picket Back in Hospital

One of our MCCW brothers who was shot in the legs on Bloody Friday and who was dismissed from Eitel hospital several weeks ago, is in St. Barnabas hospital now. Yesterday his legs pained him so much it was necessary to rush him to the hospital. This morning, when his wounds were inspected, slug after slug, some measuring 1/2 inch across, was removed from his legs. They had been left in the wounds by those who attended him previously.

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TUESDAY, 31. Union demands of Olson removal of troops, right to meet at headquarters, right to picket, that scab trucks be refused permits. Governor denies all demands. Fifth District Farmer-Labor Party passes resolution supporting strike, condemning Bloody Mike and Bainbridge. Typographical Union 42 donates \$1,000 to 574 strike fund. 25,000 workers mass at Parade Grounds; decision is made to resume picketing.

AUGUST

WEDNESDAY, 1. Olson's troops raid 574 headquarters, arrest strike leaders; raid Central Labor Union. Strike Committee of 100 calls for general protest strike. Picketing stops trucks cold. John Belor dies, second victim of Bloody Mike and the Alliance.

THURSDAY, 2. Indignation of workers forces release of strike leaders, return of Headquarters. Hennepin County and University F-L Associations send vigorous protest to Olson against his use of troops.

(To be continued)

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