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Twin Cities Transport Strike Looms

The Sharp Shooter

How Near is the editor of the Saturday Star to Guilford?



THE SHARPSHOOTER'S IMPRESSIONS OF "574" DANCE

Beautiful hall — nice decorations — well tipped bar — good orchestra — friendly tender — that one dance — bartender in — cold beer — revolving dance floor music, girls, decorations, spinning lights, gorgeous bartender. That trip downstairs, accomplishment — the trip up again, to good night to that prince of men, the tender — that slide down — the cool on the street — The Bed — The Head!



FARM PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

While we do not think the crop reduction program will save the farmer, we are in favor of plowing under every third son.



When there is our office girl who thinks Boycott is a male apricot.



When you meet a man who wears our button

Smile and wave your hand

That's the kind of a guy you know is right

Who joined the Local and helped us fight

Who swelled the ranks of our growing

Who might

And he's one of the Union band.



Are you going to the christening at

Jack Shepard's when, and if?



How Mr. Bowen, can't you see our view-

Point at all?

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Red Scare Raised in Attempt To Break Union

In regard to the statement appearing in the Daily Star purporting to be a reprint from the official journal of the International Brotherhood of Teamster, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America,

The leaders of Local 574 have injected a new spirit into the Twin City Labor Movement which has brought the workers into all the Unions by the score and has put the Citizens' Alliance on the run.

Fearful lest the strain of a large membership composed of eager, aggressive workers should bend its antiquated super-structure, the International has raised the cry of Communism against these leaders. This can mean only one thing. The executive officers of the International must protect their huge salaries. They realize that a militant Local Union exposes their incompetency. Therefore the International officers propose to sacrifice the workers of Minneapolis and St. Paul to the Citizens Alliance so that they may protect their own private interests.

Are the labor leaders in the Twin Cities going to sanction this outrage, or are they going to rally to the support of the leadership and program of Local 574?

ALL LABOR LEADERS SHOULD PUBLICLY REFUTE THE ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED SATURDAY IN THE MINNEAPOLIS DAILY STAR.

the General Drivers' Union Local 574 wish to issue the following statement:

In the drive of the employers and their Citizens' Alliance to break up and destroy our organization they have resorted to every means at their command, intimidation, threats, bribes, lies, and terror. They have now resorted to what is probably the last weapon at their disposal, THE RED SCARE.

We do not know where the official or-

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7:00 P. M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, IS DEADLINE

Labor Board Rules Against Local 574.

The employers have finally succeeded in exhausting the patience of the entire labor movement. Through their Advisory Committees, Steering Committees and their General Executive Board, better known as the Citizens Alliance, they have run the gamut of printers ink from libel to comedy. The employers have chiseled, cheated, swindled, and bandied words long enough. **They must now act—or else!**

As though the swindle were not already complete, the Labor Board has "generously" ruled that Local 574 shall have the right to represent almost half of its membership. Then, as an after-thought evidently prompted by a guilty conscience, it "recommends" that the employers condescend to "bargain" with all workers who can produce affidavits to show that they were on the picket lines during the May Strike.

But the fanfare is now over. The connivers have been exposed, and the call to battle has been sounded.

Last Friday the workers poured into Bridge Square thousands upon thousands and showed the employers and the world in general that they were solidly behind Local 574, that if the employers hope to crush the most powerful union in Minneapolis they must be prepared to crush every union in the Twin Cities. Shoulder to shoulder they marched, workers, farmers, and university students, organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, but all united in a protest against exploitation by the privileged classes and a demand for a decent standard of living.

The demands of Local 574 were unanimously endorsed and solid support was

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St. Paul and Minneapolis Station Attendants Merge With 120 and 574

An important step of great significance to Petroleum workers in the Twin Cities was taken by Drivers and Helpers Local Union No. 120 at the Labor Temple in St. Paul Thursday night, July 5th.

In a well attended membership meeting Local Union No. 120 voted unanimously to accept into its ranks the Filling Station Attendants who have had until now a local of their own.

If this action is important for the Petroleum Workers, it is doubly important for the whole membership of Local No. 120. This action closes the gap in the otherwise strong transportation union setup both in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, the Petroleum workers have been encountering the twin obstacle of organization, resistance of the employers and division within their own ranks.

The action of the Twin City Filling Station Attendants in entering Local Union No. 120 in St. Paul clears the way for complete organization unity in both cities of the Petroleum workers with the Drivers, Helpers, and Inside Workers, who now will have the strongest possible union setup.

Local Union 574 has made a solid base for the transport workers of Minneapolis. Local Union No. 120 is now in a position to do the same in St. Paul. These Brother Locals will give each other strength and support. This unity can be utilized to win wages and conditions for Drivers, Helpers, Petroleum, and Inside Workers.

Local 574 has been working for this understanding for months. It is now an accomplished fact. ALL Petroleum workers in Minneapolis will now be members of 574, which speeds the campaign of organization among the workers in the Petroleum industry.

Show Up Labor Board

The capitalist press of June 26, in reporting the case of the lock-out of the 653 employees of the Harriman Hosiery Mills of Knoxville, Tenn., published a letter sent by the latter firm to the National Labor Board, consisting of William Green, John L. Lewis, and George Barry, representatives of organized labor; Father Francis Haas, "avowed labor union supporter"; Leo Wolman, "consumer member," and Pierre du Pont, "representing industry." This letter definitely convicts the latter institution of open strike-breaking.

Listen to what the Harriman Hosiery Mills has to say (N. Y. Times, June 26, 1934):

"In our opinion, the National Labor Board is not qualified to judge 'bad faith.' Their general counsel, in a meeting with mill officials, suggested that trickery be utilized to deceive the strikers in settling the strike. This scheme was also suggested by the director of compliance.

"We were advised by those two gentlemen to make the strikers believe we were going to take them back and then take a few, and that this sort of cheap trickery would satisfy those two branches of the 'New Deal.'

"Even your own secretary, in discussing ways and means of settling the strike, advised us to take back fifty strikers, work them for a week or ten days and then let them out. . . ."

Need any more be added to demonstrate the true attitude of the NRA and the "labor leaders" who sit in its boards?

Strike Deputies

These would-be Blackjack Artists tried to break the May Strike:

Hilton M. Bailey—2408 Fremont Ave. So., Kenwood 7087.

Wm. Bailey—430 So. 6th Street, Atlantic 2511.

Carl Bakken—1017 W. 28th Street.

George Balthazor—3206 Ulysses N. E.

Geo. W. Banks—3341 Nicollet Ave., Regent 1968.

Walter R. Banks—578 Sixth Ave. No.

Francis A. Barent—1212 Fifth St. S. E., Gladstone 1125.

Ernest J. Barnes—1121 Second St. N.E.

Albert A. Barnes—3122 Clinton Ave.

W. M. Bartell—3430 Thomas Ave., Cherry 4968.

Bert Bates—2522 Garfield St., Regent 4466.

George Bauer—3608 17th Ave. So., Dupont 1072.

Kenneth Beach—2407 Irving Ave. No., Cherry 7486.

Bernard Becklund—4249 40th Ave. So.

L. R. Bedard—331 E. 26th St., Bridgeport 5438.

Wm. Bell—1400 Clinton Ave., Atlantic 3684.

David Bentson—3913 37th Ave. So.

Lloyd Bergstrom—3453 Nicollet Ave.

Nels Berrie—1700 Portland Ave., Main 8686.

Harry B. Berry—1036 27th Ave. S. E., Gladstone 2753.

Additional names will be published in succeeding issues.

THINGS WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND

While employers claim that all truck drivers are receiving a minimum of 50c per, yet drivers continue to come up to the Union and show us their checks which call for 35c and 40c per hour.

Laundry and Dry Cleaners Drivers Draw Up Demands

At a meeting at 225 South Third Street Thursday, the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Drivers definitely decided to affiliate with Local 574. They as a group reserve the right to elect their own officers, their own plans, compose their demands to be presented to their employers as a group to hold their own meeting to discuss the problems of their craft.

This is the third group to assemble under the banner of Local 574 in the two weeks.

The Laundry and Dry Cleaners Drivers are demanding a minimum wage of 50c per week—15% over \$100. 20% for overtime after 50 hours per week including loading and unloading.

There was much long and lively discussion regarding these demands. The question of hours per week is only tentatively settled, some wanting the limit 45 per week. This will be settled at the next meeting. Every Laundry and Dry Cleaners Driver to attend these meetings and to discuss the discussion and speak his mind on important problems which concern the driver individually.

An organization committee will draft handbills and contact each non-union driver. The next meeting was called for Friday, July 9th. Every Laundry and Dry Cleaners Driver must become an active organizer and carry the message of the organization to every worker of their craft. Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers' Meeting, Friday, July 13th.

Auxiliary Elects Officers

At the election of officers Monday, July 2, 1934, Mrs. Grant Dunne was elected president; Mrs. Cliff Hall, vice-president; Mrs. Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Vera McCormick was elected chairman, and the Mesdames Sorensen, Cochran, and Featherstone, trustees. Officers will serve for six months.

The Auxiliary sent out two thousand invitations to wives, sisters, mothers, sweethearts of all members of No. 574 to participate in the Mass parade and meeting Friday night, July 6, 1934. We urge all women to join our unit and participate in our work. There is a great deal of work for the Auxiliary to do in order to be of any real value, we must grow. Urge all your wives to come to meetings, and help make this Auxiliary a real live group, ready and willing to do any kind of work necessary to further the interests of Local No. 574.

The Petroleum Workers

What are we organizing for? Salary margins? Yes! We have been fighting individuals for years for a fair living and we must admit that we have not won it. Why? Because we have not organized effort! Now, through standing ourselves together, we are forming a unified stand for those things we must have to support our wives and families.

Most of us, Union or Non-Union, have received a voluntary increase from the bosses. Don't be misled! These increases have been given to you in spite of the fact that the companies a short time ago made cuts—in many instances, put through since we began to organize a Union that they could not control, as our "Company Unions."

The Oil Companies began to realize that the best way to defeat our efforts to organize you men was to give you what you have been asking for now. But beware, if

Petroleum Workers To Meet

The organization committee will be making definite recommendations for ratification at the next meeting of the Petroleum Workers, Thursday, July 12th, 9:00 P. M., 225 So. 1st St.

The Petroleum Workers group is not a union, you will have had all your increases taken from you and cuts after

All of us Service Station men know the Oil Companies bringing gasoline price increases in this state are allowed three per cent shrinkage? We pay for gasoline and for a gas that we never sell. There have been more men fired for shortage than for any other reason.

We are asking for but one-third of this increase even knowing that our losses are greater than their own.

Come to our group meeting every second and fourth Thursday each month and put your shoulder behind the wheel.

—A Petroleum Worker.

Here's News

Learn that the Minneapolis Transfer and Warehouse Company has come out with new uniforms last week and that there are supposed-to-be good union men wearing them and that they were made by scab labor as they have no union label in them and that they were made in Milwaukee.

Phone for 574; 574 for "Oil."

Who Says Boycott?

Here are four more reasons why 574 men don't believe the bosses:

- (1) **The Boyd Transfer Company** refuses to give the men a seniority list, and engages some species of fink who chases our Union button men off the lot. Manager Chamberlain refuses to discuss the grievance. Union men must act.
- (2) **The N. W. Corrugated Box Company**, (which has some sort of fraternal relationship with the **Waldorf Paper Co.**) has refused to give work to their truck driver who was active in the strike. This man has eleven years rights with the N. W. Mr. Bright, the manager, made a big detour to pull off what he seems to think is a clever trick. The Union will call this bluff.
- (3) Remember the **Hall Supply Company**? This Fourth Street concern which sells bicycles (not to union men) is openly hostile to Local 574. We have Mr. Hall in the book. His driver, who went out with the rest of the Union men in the strike, has been refused his job. We conclude that Mr. Hall wants to wrestle. How would a banner look on Fourth Street?
- (4) Over on the East Side, the **Waterman-Waterbury Company** specializes in furnaces and also in firing Union men with long records of service. Local 574 does not forget.



The Water Front Fight Goes On

The Water Front Union men on the West Coast are fighting a militant battle. They ask for wages and conditions which will allow the families of these men to live like human beings.

The answer of the rich and powerful shipping companies to these demands is a furious brutal assault upon the lives of these courageous union militants. Just as in Minneapolis, when workers organize and demand an end to starvation wage scales, the bosses stoop to every foul means to discredit the Union; so in Seattle, San Francisco, and all other places where workers are on the march. The bosses in the swank clubs, over costly liqueurs, talk only of profits and methods to protect them. Rushing pell-mell to the aid of the bosses come the police, special thugs, and army detachments, followed by every stripe of union hater. The Union movement must be expanded, strength-

Union Oil Stations

Albertson & Dick—Kunz—29th and Blaisdell.
 Peterson—Kunz—5400 43rd Ave. So.
 Ternell—Tydol—42nd Ave. and 41st St.
 E. Mansdall—Barns.—53rd and Minnehaha.
 Washburns—Tydol—52nd and Minnehaha.
 Ray Shultz—Blau—Morgan and Lowry.
 Conoco Station—Conoco—Glenwood and Cedar Lake Rd.
 Earl's—Texaco—53rd and Minnehaha.
 Grant's—Texaco—29th and Park.
 Lund's Service Stations—Texaco—2500 Franklin Ave. and 4060 Minnehaha Ave.
 Larson & Slamm—Texaco—3200 Washington Ave. N.
 Spinner & Jossart—Texaco—4301 Cedar Ave.
 Meyers—Texaco—38th and Oakland.
 White & Moberg—Texaco—38th and Longfellow.
 Gold Star Station—38th St. and 37th Ave.
 Peterson's Service—Conoco—1351 La Salle.
 A. J. Johnson—Kunz—2600 Pillsbury So.
 Bud Stower's—Skelley—701 S. 4th St.
 Russ Ames & Nelson—Kunz—2600 Fourth Ave. So.
 Lee Carpentier—Kunz—1210 La Salle.
 J. Novak—Zephyr Oil—2401 Hiawatha.
 E. J. Tacheny—Skelly—924 Washington Ave. No.
 Co-op Oil Co. Stations:
 4th Ave. So. and 7th St.
 249 Penn Ave. No.
 2410 E. 25th St.
 East Hennepin and 14th.
 University and Fairview.

Grocery Workers Meet Wednesday, July 11th

The Retail Grocery and Meat Drivers will meet with the Wholesale Grocery Workers for the purpose of launching a joint organization campaign. These two groups find much in common.

225 So. Third St.

ened, and welded into a solid phalanx which can meet and defeat the bosses' mercenaries. The only way to a better life for working men and women lays along the path of struggle. Forward fellow fighters!



We understand that the rats have been forced to organize in an attempt to get their cheese. We thought would-be strike-breakers were opposed to the principles of organization.

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pledged in the fight to win these demands.

1. That the employers recognize the right of Local 574 to represent all its members and to negotiate wages, hours and working conditions for them.
2. That all members of the Union be granted a wage increase which shall be retroactive to May 26, 1934, the day the workers returned to their jobs after the May Strike.
3. That the results of the negotiations for wages, hours, and working conditions be established by a written agreement signed by the employers and the Union.
4. That the employers meet these demands not later than 7:00 P. M., Wednesday, July 11, 1934.

Over 100 unions will call meetings in Minneapolis and St. Paul on Wednesday night to follow the lead of Local 574 in answering the challenge of the employers.

Local 574 will take a strike vote on Wednesday night at 8:00 P. M. in the East Side Eagles Hall.

General headquarters for conducting a Twin Cities Strike have already been obtained and the preparation of the strike machinery is proceeding rapidly.



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gan of the Teamsters International secured the FALSE information that appears in this article, but whatever their source of information, it is false from start to finish.

This article specifically says, "Naming a couple of men he charges were at one time run out of a convention of the American Federation of Labor and were very prominent in the strike of Local 574 of Minneapolis." This statement is a deliberate lie. There is not one single member of this Union who has ever been a delegate to an American Federation of Labor convention or an International convention. So, obviously it would be difficult to be thrown out of a convention that one never attended.

In referring to these men further, "language describing or capable of describing this class of serpent in the shape of a working man could not be put in print. All we can say to our people is to beware of these wolves in sheep's clothing." If being a serpent consists in organizing

unions for working men and women to secure for them the necessities of life, then we plead guilty to being serpents. And if being a wolf in sheep's clothing has to do with fighting the battles for those people who are in our union, then we are wolves.

Many members of our union who have perhaps for the first time enjoyed the benefits of belonging to an organization that can secure reforms for them, do not call the leaders serpents, nor do they call them wolves. We rely upon the opinion of union men and women. On Friday night 14,000 union men and women enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed by a rising vote the program of the leaders that are now under attack.

The following item appeared in a column of a Washington newspaper sent out by the National Educational Association and reprinted this week in The Minneapolis Labor Review. The statement reads in part as follows: "Federal agencies concerned with labor and industry had more than the obvious reasons for interest in labor's victory in the truckmen's strike in Minneapolis."

"Senator Wagner of the National Labor Board telephoned President Dan Tobin of the Teamsters' Union during the height of the street fighting and asked him what he could do to stop it.

"Tobin had to reply that he couldn't do a thing. The truckmen had organized themselves and were making their own battle."

The cry of Communism raised by those who have contributed nothing to the organization of our Union or to the conduct of the recent strike is in itself a condemnation of those who raised the cry. We organized drivers, helpers, petroleum workers and inside workers for the specific purpose of securing for them shorter hours and higher wages. To do this we used the structure provided by the American Federation of Labor. We have confined our efforts inside the union to trade union activities. The union is conducted as a democratic, economic instrument to achieve the ends set forth above. The political affiliations of our membership is not the concern of the leadership or of the rank and file. Every worker in our movement has complete freedom in this respect. This is one of the fundamental principles of organized Labor.

The article in the Daily Star further says, "now that the recent strike of 574 is over, we will say, it was a strike in violation of all our laws because the local did not receive any consideration or endorsement, nor was there a request for consideration of official endorsement made to the International by the Local Union."

We say this strike was NOT in viola-

tion of the International's laws. W through the regular procedure of the endorsement of the Min Teamster's Joint Council and noti International of our intention to It is true that we received no con tion from the International in the strike benefits.

Faced by the terrific attacks of ganized bosses we are defendin selves in the only way in which it sible for us to do.

Wm. S. Brown
President Local



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LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD BIG TOWN

Mr. Hutchinson has resigned his Chairman of Hennepin County You publican Club to accept the pos organizer of the Low and Odor



Yoo Hoo! Mr. Dayton, Surprising



Goodbye, Mr. Kjorlaug.



Have you read the advertisement Citizen's Alliance has been running Daily Newspapers? (Of course, silly, everyone enjoys jokes.) Do you what it cost the employers to attend get their false propaganda across? we'll tell you. A half-page ad in the neapolis.....(name deleted vertising department) costs \$431.30 issue. Their dope was printed thr ferent times. For one day in the daily papers the cost was \$1,293.8 they didn't stop there. They use space three times. Total cost \$t o What cost evading decent wages, Mome ployer?



OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

The man who joins a Union a comes an organizer on the job w works.



DOMESTIC SERVICE DEPART

Dear Miss Fatsex:

My husband has joined the Un goes to Union Meetings while I sit home alone. What shall I do?

—Worried

Dear Worried Wife:

Join the Ladies' Auxilliary and your own meetings.

—Miss F



FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Do you employ Union men he McAloon?