

# THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

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As from this hour  
You use your power,  
The world must follow you.

Stand all as one  
Till right is done!  
Believe and dare  
and do!

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## PRODUCE WORKERS WIN RAISE

### Drivers Union Makes New Agreements With Market

#### New Contract Covers All Workers Employed on Market

One of the greatest victories ever won by Local 574 was the signing of the new agreement with the firms on the Minneapolis Central Market, covering wages and working conditions of those employed there.

Thursday, May 28, a committee of market employers, composed of Robert Lindgren, Dave Poznick and Robert Pinck, who represented the majority of fruit and produce firms on the Market, signed a stipulation agreeing to secure the signatures of all of the group which they represented to the Union agreement.

The new Union contract, which provides wage increases and working conditions reforms, covers all drivers, helpers and inside workers in the Minneapolis Central Market. The new agreement, contrary to reports that have been circulated by our enemies, was signed by the employers without the Union resorting to strike.

Representatives of the wholesale market concerns have found, during the past two years, that this Union was an honorable body to deal with. Local 574 has lived up to the spirit and letter of every agreement we have ever entered into. We have only asked that the employers do likewise.

Representatives of the Minneapolis A. F. of L. Teamsters Joint Council have tried desperately to cause the employers to break their agreement with this Union and they have worked steadily during the past month attempting to persuade the market employers not to enter into a new Union agreement with Local 574. They have failed. We have won. The agreement which follows has been signed by approximately 20 market, fruit and produce concerns.

#### WORKING AGREEMENT

The market group represented by the following committee, Robert Lindgren, Dave Poznick, Robert Pinck, will agree with General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Local No. 574 to the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions. It is further agreed that all employers represented by this committee will attach their signatures to this agreement.

#### ARTICLE I.

The General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union Local 574 shall be the representative of the employees in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

#### ARTICLE II.

The employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or

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### Tony Palaia Is Not a Union Man

Tony Palaia, independent truck owner, has been suspended by the union Executive Board and his expulsion will be recommended by the Board at the next membership meeting June 8, 1936. Palaia has been found guilty of consorting with and giving information to the union wreckers employed by the Teamsters Joint Council. He has acted in a traitorous and treacherous manner, behaved in a fashion that is unbecoming to a member of Local 574 and has jeopardized the safety of his fellow union members by his actions. He is to be treated as an enemy until such time as the membership of the union has taken action on his case.

### Labor Defense Dance On Saturday, June 6

On Saturday night, June 6, the Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense will sponsor a carnival dance at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, to raise funds for labor defense work locally. Local 574's orchestra will furnish music for the affair; other features of the evening include various side-show attractions, auctions, and refreshments.

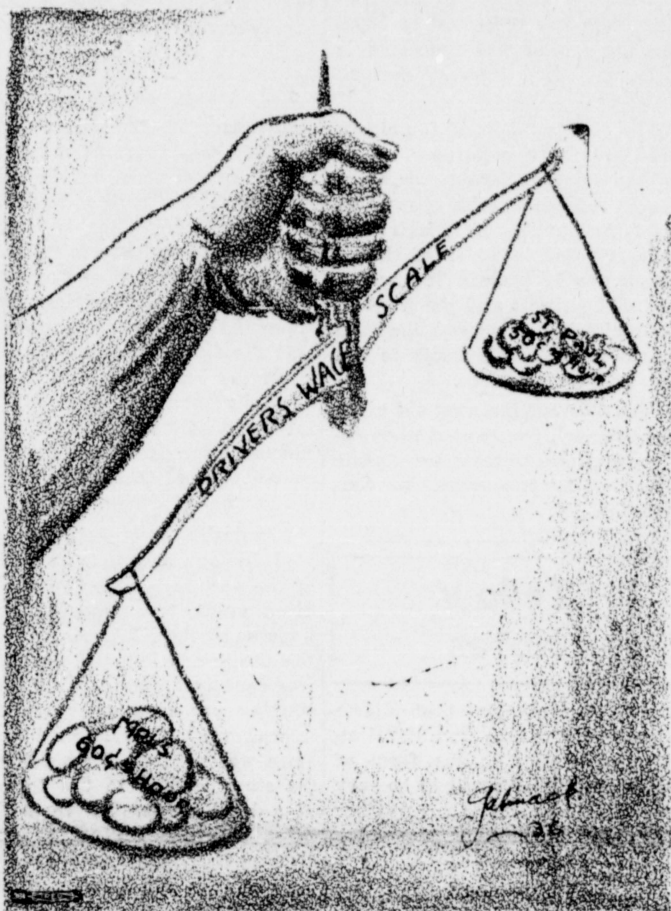
The increasing attacks upon workers of the Northwest make it necessary that the Non-Partisan Labor Defense have sufficient funds on hand to competently defend all workers who are victimized by the employers and the courts. The admission to the carnival dance is twenty-five cents a person, and in this way funds for defense can be raised and at the same time everyone can have a gay and happy time. The dance will begin at 8 p. m. and is open to the public.

### Strike Looms Says Textile Union Head

Textile workers will be forced to strike against increases in hours and reductions in wages now taking place in the textile industry, unless Congress passes regulatory measures before adjournment, Francis J. Gorman, vice president of the United Textile Workers, predicted.

The Consolidated drivers celebrated dumpy on the corner of Plymouth and Washington Thursday night.

### In the Balance



### Building Material Companies Are Covered by New Union Agreement

#### Men Will Receive Wage Raises and Improved Conditions

Wednesday, May 27, Local 574 took another gigantic step forward when it entered into a Union contract with all of the employers in the building material supply industry of Minneapolis. This contract represents the first Union agreement that has ever been entered into by this Union with the building material employers.

Its wage and hour provisions cover approximately 400 drivers, helpers and warehouse men employed in the industry. The new agreement with the building material employers is a guarantee that all building material sold in Minneapolis, during the coming year, will be delivered and handled by members of General Drivers Union. The contract provides pay increases and many working condition improvements. The text of the agreement follows.

It has been signed by Landers-Norblom-Christenson Co., Minneapolis Builders Supply Co., Wunder-Klein-Donohue Co., Eide-Swanson Bros. Co., P. G. Speakes Co., Richfield yard, Inc., City Builders Service Co., Berg and Hanson Builders Material Co.

#### WORKING AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into between \_\_\_\_\_ Co. and the General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union Local

#### 400 Members Join Local 574 in May

Climaxing a membership campaign that has been unofficially underway since January 1, 1936, the month of May proved to be the banner 30-day period so far. From May 1 until June 1 Local 574 took into the Union 376 new members or an average of over 12 members per day. Besides this thirty former members reinstated in the Union.

This brings the gain in membership for the month of May over the 400 mark. Twice as many members joined the Union during May than in any other month since January. The number of new applications for a 30-day period has exceeded this number in only one instance. That was during the strike period of 1934.

Nine hundred eighty-nine new members have joined General Drivers Union since January 1, 1936.

No. 574 is intended and designed to include all companies engaged in the building material supply industry and their employees as designated in the following clauses of this agreement.

#### ARTICLE I.

It is understood and agreed by both parties to this agreement that no separate agreement will be entered into between the employers and any

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### POLICE "RAID" ON 574 HALL PROVES A DUD

#### Latimer Repays Support by Sending Police for Beer

#### Cops Find Women Working, Music Being Played, No Outlaws

Thursday afternoon at 1 p. m. members of General Drivers Union were treated to just one more demonstration of the affection and respect that Mayor Latimer holds for Local 574. At that time a small army of police descended on the Union headquarters and with drawn guns and a fine display of legal documents staged a "raid" on the Union headquarters.

The officers deployed themselves about the building in the best traditional manner, and the raid was on. On the third floor the raiding squad discovered a group of five desperate men all armed with banjos, mandolins, saxophones and a piano. This group were using the weapons. They were not molested. On the second floor the advanced detail ran into four women who were disguising their unlawful activity by pretending to peel potatoes and prepare sandwiches for the sash strikers. Apparently the search warrant did not cover such subversive activity so the women were saved.

Members who were standing about the hall seemed to pay very little attention to the military demonstration, although William Brown was seen to yawn heavily several times. That was about all that happened.

O, yes, they found half a barrel of beer and arrested Axel Berg. Ho hum.

### Mrs. Guy Gale Passes Away Tuesday Morn

Thursday morning at 7 a. m. Bessie Gale, wife of Guy Gale, long time member of Local 574, passed away at the Minneapolis General Hospital. Mrs. Gale, who was 49 years old, is survived by her husband and three children, Miss Helen Gale of Chicago, Mrs. Kyle of Minneapolis and Harold Gale of Clear Lake, Wisconsin.

Born in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, and moving to Minneapolis after her marriage thirty-one years ago, Mrs. Gale has resided here continuously since. Mrs. Gale was buried from the Knaeble Undertaking Parlors. Funeral service and interment was at her old home, Clear Lake, Wisconsin.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



## DRIVERS UNION IN AGREEMENT WITH MARKET

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contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

### ARTICLE III

The regular work week shall be 48 hours. Time and one-third shall be paid for all time in excess of 48 hours per week. Double time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays and legal holidays. There shall be no split shifts.

### ARTICLE IV

The rate of pay for drivers, loaders, assemblers and checkers shall be sixty cents (60c) per hour. The rate of pay for helpers shall be fifty cents (50c) per hour. The rate of pay for shipping and receiving clerks, banana men, tomato men shall be sixty-five cents (65c) per hour. Full pay shall be received each week. The above are minimum rates of pay. Employees receiving more than these minimums shall not have their pay reduced.

### ARTICLE V

Employees starting before 6:00 A. M. shall be allowed twenty-five (25) minutes for breakfast time with pay.

### ARTICLE VI

Salesmen are to be used as salesmen 70% of their time.

### ARTICLE VII

Seniority shall prevail in all plants. This provides the oldest man from the point of service shall be allowed to work forty-eight (48) hours each week before other men are employed. When layoffs occur the last man hired shall be the first laid off. When returning to work the last man laid off shall be the first returned to work.

This agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of one year from June 1, 1936, to and including May 31, 1937.

### CENTRAL MARKET COMMITTEE

GENERAL DRIVERS,  
HELPERS AND IN-  
SIDE WORKERS  
UNION LOCAL NO.  
574

By Wm. S. Brown  
By G. J. Dunne  
By Dave Poznick  
By Robert Lindgren  
By Robert H. Pinck

## Liberties Union Wires on Terror

### WESTERN UNION

HYMAN EDELMAN  
ANDRUS BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Will you investigate and send us a report on the slugging at Chicago railway freight station of Dunne and Frosig of Teamsters Local Five Seventy Four and advise us if we can be of any assistance stop suggest our local friends protest use of outside gangsters against organized labor.

### AMERICAN CIVIL

LIBERTIES UNION  
Lucille B. Milner,

Do not miss the Non-Partisan Labor Defense dance Saturday, June 6. You will have a swell time and aid a worthy cause.

### LOCAL 574 MEETING SCHEDULE

Federal Workers Stewards—  
Wednesday, May 20.  
Independent Truck Owners—  
Thursday, May 21.  
Federal Workers Full Member-  
ship—Friday, May 22.  
General Drivers Stewards—Fri-  
day, May 22.  
General Drivers Full Member-  
ship—Monday, May 25.  
Yellow Cab Drivers Night Drivers—  
Tuesday, May 26, 10  
o'clock.  
Yellow Cab Drivers Day Drivers—  
Tuesday, May 26, 8 o'clock.  
Federal Workers Stewards—  
Wednesday, May 27.

## The Railroad Unions

Ament the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad dismemberment, the people of the city of Minneapolis have a direct interest in this matter inasmuch as about \$697,500 has been invested in this line.

Mr. O. J. Turner, City Comptroller, has disclosed the fact that in 1871, \$125,000 in bonds were issued and turned over to the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad. Again in 1877, another \$125,000 in bonds were issued in aid of the Minneapolis and St. Louis. The first issue was redeemed in 1897, and the second was redeemed in 1901, including interest charges, costs, etc.

The city taxed itself for almost \$700,000 for this purpose. Prior to the issuing of these bonds, there was a referendum by the voters of Minneapolis, of which 414 persons voted in favor of the issuance and 18 against. This means that 432 citizens and the nine individuals that composed the then council committed the city to this enormous expenditure.

This was not the only aid given this railroad, for streets were vacated and other grants were made in order to encourage its construction.

## Yellow Notes

It has been noted that Bjerre has produced a nice crop of "alfalfa" on his face in the form of side-burns. They ought to be very comfortable when the weather really gets hot.

Allen Crowell, our illustrious starter at the G. N. depot, has been forced to take a month's vacation by his failing health. We all hope it helps him to recuperate.

Caryl reports on a visit to Al Canfield, he found him in a much improved condition. His only complaint was that he wished more of the boys would find a few minutes time to go out and see him.

William Sanders enjoyed another outing last Sunday with a trip thru Como Park, chauffeured by Walt Hagstrom.

An article in the Minneapolis Journal of May 30 states Ray Nicholson was acquitted of the charges which were brought against him by a woman passenger and we were all very much pleased with the outcome of his trial. It would have been very difficult for any of us, knowing Ray as we do, to believe him guilty of such a charge. This case shows how much all of us must be on the alert at all times when we are on the job.

George Berg reports he has about 75 of the old Yellow Cabs to sell yet at prices from \$85 to \$120. Some of them have tires which are almost new. See them at 312 1st Ave. N. E.

Despite propaganda and acts of terrorism, the allegiance of this unit to No. 574 is stronger than ever. We have received real benefits by being a part of this organization and we intend to keep these benefits.

Here's one on the editor of this column. He now lives out where the hoot owls sleep with the chickens.

## Bill Brown Says—

Before the strikes of 1933, by Local 574, workers in a large number of companies were receiving as little as \$12 for an 80-hour week. We had very few workers in our union at that time. Now the driving industry is 90 per cent organized and drivers, helpers and inside workers are getting more than twice as much as they did before the strike, or a raise of over 100 per cent. We are going right ahead with what we think is the right program. Let the Eighth Street generals call names. We will organize the workers. More than 300 new members joined our union in the month of May.



BILL BROWN  
President of 574

## Northern States Power Union Marks Second Year of Existence

### Has Proved to Be a Real Weapon for Workers at N. S. P.

This month marks the second anniversary of the charter of Local 160—two years of many and varied experiences in the labor movement. The path of Local 160 has given many valuable lessons. The anniversary date is especially appropriate for the reviewing of past lessons and deriving therefrom the correct conclusions so that the future may more readily bring the best results. It is only by fully understanding all the forces at work against us that we can successfully chart a future course to lead to the better conditions we all desire.

The desire for organization, created by our economic conditions of the early depression years, was given great, but somewhat false, impetus by the NRA. As a part of this desire and impetus, Local 160 was conceived. As a small group starting out as a grievance club it was very soon learned much more was needed. Then followed the steps leading to the forming of a local union. All these first steps, under the influence of the glowing NRA propaganda, did not reveal one of the first fundamentals of organization, that of unswerving and courageous determination to carry through the fight. The fight itself was not realized because the nature of the opposing forces were not understood nor revealed. The NRA served to cover the actual opposing forces by inferring conditions would somehow be granted workers by some mythical authority. That the authority was mythical was soon proven.

The first test for Local 160 members came when the authority to have an organization of their own choosing was contested. True, this test was not open or direct, but rather, quite well covered. So well was it covered in fact, that the majority did not see the test at all. That it was a test was proven, however, by the rapid and great decline of membership. A small minority did see the test and understood it for such. This minority then went to work. Against great odds, but fully understanding what was necessary, they started rebuilding. Slowly the real leadership, with courage and understanding was built. Individuals were convinced of organization necessity singly or in groups of two and three as against the previous tens, twenties and thirties. Various concessions were won by correct logic and the determination of understanding.

Now the true nature of the fight began to reveal itself. The frills and ruffles, the meaningless honeyed words, were slowly stripped away. Always closer to grim realities were the conversations in negotiations forced. As one point after another was forced in the open more and more individuals were able to fully understand the true nature of the fight for better living conditions.

With the stripping of the meaningless words from the issues, a

change was made necessary in the forces of opposition. Individuals are now being forced to definitely align either for or against. Illogical arguments no longer suffice. Open opposition is now in order. Intimidation is tried more openly. Misinformed and benighted individuals, encouraged by various means at the disposal of employers (mostly implied promises of individual reward) openly attempt to disrupt the union plans. The slow and necessarily halting steps of the union are attacked by these people. Every action of the union is glaringly misinterpreted. Every inaction of the union is also glaringly held up against the union. Attempts are made to rush the union unprepared into action. Inequalities of years standing are made to appear the result instead of the cause of unionization.

All this only points to the necessity for ever greater vigilance and understanding on the part of the membership. More body and more determined than ever must we go on. That we are on the right road has been amply proven by past achievement. On this road only is the future assured.

## Cannery Union Wins Victory in Alaska

San Francisco — The Alaska Cannery Workers Union has won its strike, all demands having been granted. Pickets have been withdrawn and the ships will sail at once. The men will now have a closed shop, \$65 a month, an 8-hour day, and 50c an hour overtime. About 1,000 men recruited from Sacramento, Fresno and other points were left behind, since there were enough applicants without them and hence they were not admitted to the Union.

## Resolutions Introduced in Council by Alderman Scott

To the Honorable City Council, Minneapolis, Minn.

WHEREAS: Assaults and slugging outrages are being committed against the persons of trade union leaders and labor men and,

WHEREAS: These outrages and sluggings have become almost daily and nightly occurrences in Minneapolis and,

WHEREAS: A number of well known militant workers have been threatened by assault upon their homes and,

WHEREAS: It appears from the facts at hand that there is an organized attempt by reactionary labor-hating forces in the city to destroy the progressive and growing labor movement and,

WHEREAS: These shady forces are undoubtedly linked with reckless characters of the underworld and,

WHEREAS: The continuation of such attacks will open the way for the establishment of vicious and perverted groups, such as the recently uncovered "Black Legion"—therefore be it resolved

That the Minneapolis City Council demand an immediate clean-up of all undercover gangs—that a committee be appointed to investigate the apparent hook-up between the police administration and imported gunmen and sluggers who are aiming their attacks not only at the trade unions but also at the Farmer-Labor party and all progressive political forces.

Signed

## Independent Truck Chatter

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

When trying to secure work from any contractor who is a successful bidder on any WPA or PWA project, remind him that in filling out a form No. 401 he can requisition Union truckers. In other words let us make this clear by repeating the rules stated in bulletin No. 116 of WPA for PWA Union jobs. "The representative of the Union will select Union members for work on the project giving preferences, first, to those members of the Union who are on the local public relief rolls; second, upon exhaustion of Union members on such rolls to any other members of the Union."

To those members who were ineligible on WPA contracts let us remind you that you are still eligible for PWA work.

It has been rumored that our meetings are reminiscent of the old meetings of "The Fresh Air Taxi Co., Inc." It has been further reported that a certain large tooth paste company is seeking to put these meetings on the air as a successor to "Amos and Andy."

Wm. J. Carroll, personnel director of the State Highway Department, is giving the Independents splendid support. His efforts deserve a big hand.

One of our well-known former members on the graveling job violated the 35 mile an hour agreement of the majority and is suffering by a lay-off. He always did have trouble with the lead in his right shoe.

K. Corbett's slogan, "Keep in the Buggy," should be an adopted slogan for the Independents.

In case of a change in your address, equipment, or if you are not receiving the Organizer by mail, call Gene Lundholm, the recording secretary, at Gr. 4217 between 6 and 8 week days.

There are still several vacancies for independent truckers on Mucker jobs. If you are interested in pulling your cab and going on this job or want further information in this regard, call "B. G." at Dr. 0375 between 6 and 8 on week days.



# BUILDING CO.'S SIGN A PACT WITH DRIVERS

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individual employee or group of employees which conflict with the terms of this agreement.

### ARTICLE III.

The work week shall consist of five (5) eight and one-half (8½) hour days and one (1) five and one-half (5½) hour day. Overtime to be paid at the rate of time and one-half for any work done in excess of eight and one-half hours (8½) in any one day or in excess of five and one-half (5½) hours on Saturday. Any work performed on Saturday afternoon or on any Sunday or legal holiday to be paid for at the rate of time and one-half.

### ARTICLE III.

In order that there may not arise any controversy as to the classification of workers covered by this agreement it is understood and agreed that all drivers, helpers warehouse men and other labor directly engaged in the handling of building materials are covered by the terms of this agreement.

### ARTICLE IV.

All workers coming under the terms of this agreement are to be paid at the rate of sixty-five cents (65c) per hour except for overtime work which is covered in Article II.

### ARTICLE V.

Seniority shall prevail in all plants. This provides the oldest man on the seniority list shall be entitled to eight and one-half (8½) hours work each day and forty-eight (48) hours work each week before other men are hired. When layoffs occur, the last man hired shall be the first laid off. When returning to work the last man laid off shall be the first to return to work.

### ARTICLE VI.

There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

### ARTICLE VII.

Any difference arising from the interpretation of this agreement shall be submitted to a committee of four (4), two (2) to be selected by the employers, two (2) to be selected by the Union. In the event that the four (4) fail to reach an agreement within five (5) days, they are to select a neutral chairman. All decisions of this Board shall be final and binding on both parties.

### ARTICLE VIII.

It is understood and agreed that this agreement becomes effective June 1, 1936, and to continue in effect for one year up to and including May 31, 1937, as to the wage scale outlined in Article IV. which intends to cover the classifications as specified in said articles.

### ARTICLE IX.

It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that each employer will post in a conspicuous place in his establishment which employees will have access to, the schedule of hours for starting and ending work for each day. The earliest time for employees to report for work shall be 6:00 A. M. Any work performed before 6:00 A. M. will be performed at the overtime rate.

### ARTICLE X.

This agreement entered into this..... day of..... between the General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Local Union No. 574 and.....

to which we hereby set our hand and seal.

GENERAL DRIVERS, HELPERS AND INSIDE WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 574

By..... Co.

By.....

By.....

By.....

# J. L. Lewis Defies A. F. L. Executive Council Orders

Of supreme interest to the entire American labor movement is the decision of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in regard to their attitude towards the Committee for Industrial Organization.

At the conclusion of the recent session of the Executive Council formal notice was handed to the nine International officers, who comprised the C. I. O., calling upon them to disband under pain of expulsion from the American Federation of Labor. The notification formally calling for the dissolution of the C. I. O. was delivered to the nine Union heads in a letter signed by George M. Harison, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, C. M. Bugnizet, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Joseph Webber of the Musicians Union. These three composed the committee that had been appointed to negotiate the difference between the Executive Council and the C. I. O.

The letter containing the notification informing the nine presidents of the decision of the Executive Council calls for an answer within two weeks. While formal reply has not yet been given, it is indicated that the C. I. O. will stand by their previous decision, not to dissolve. It is reported that Lewis has told the Executive Council, "We believe no more in your threats than we do in your promises." Lewis said further, "We wish to emphasize again that we are trying to remove the roots of dualism by making it possible for millions of mass production workers now outside of the A. F. of L. to enter on the only basis they will accept, industrial unionism."

The bureaucratic despotism exhibited by the A. F. of L. Executive Council in their order to the C. I. O. and the determined position taken by the unions going to make up the Committee for Industrial Organization, would indicate that a split in the ranks of

the American Federation of Labor is inevitable.

It is apparent to even the most casual trade union observer that both sides have gone too far to retreat. Green, supported by the most reactionary section of the A. F. of L., the Building Trades and Metal Trades Department, could not step backward from the position he has taken even should he wish to. He is the captive man of the reactionary die-hards within the A. F. of L. The clique headed by Hutchinson, Tobin and Williams have no other choice but to stay by the craft union set-up, sink or swim.

On the other hand, the union heads going to make up the C. I. O. have been forced into that position by pressure from within their own organizations. Some International presidents, now on the C. I. O. committee, are not there because of choice but rather because they dare be nowhere else. In many unions the demand for a more efficient form of union organization has brought rumblings of revolt within the ranks that promise a short tenure of life for the International officers that oppose a move that would bring such organization about.

So it is apparent that the die-hard reactionaries of the Executive Council cannot and will not surrender their position. But it is equally true that the heads of International unions comprising the C. I. O. dare not retreat either. The coming period will see the struggle sharpened everywhere in the country.

The Executive Council will repeat its demand with the dissolution of the C. I. O. and the committee can only respond by increasing their activity and attempting to win support in quarters that are not yet with them. Both factions have girded their loins for the final showdown in the American Federation Labor Convention which will be held in Tampa this fall.

# Hearst Will Be Target at Non-Partisan Dance on Saturday

A chance to hit William Randolph Hearst in the nose just by paying a nickel will be afforded patrons of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense benefit carnival and dance to be held at 8 p. m. Saturday, June 6, at 257 Plymouth Ave. No., Minneapolis.

Instead of trying to hit the traditional nigger baby with darts and other missiles, organizers of this bazaar will place a picture of the labor-hating Publisher Hearst as the target.

The affair is being given to raise funds for legal defense of workers who have been unjustly arrested in strikes or unemployed demonstrations. As its name indicates, it is affiliated with no political party or faction, and is similar to the American Civil Liberties Union except that it specializes in labor cases. Tickets for the bazaar are being sold at twenty-five cents.

Committees in charge of the bazaar, announced by John Jacobsen, chairman, are: Tickets, Grace Carlson of St. Paul, chairman; Si Barach, Adelaide Walker and Robert West of Minneapolis; Charlotte Ross of St. Paul.

Publicity, Marion Gold of St. Paul, chairman; Morris Pleason of St. Paul and Carlos Hudson of Minneapolis

Refreshments, Marion Jacobsen of St. Paul, chairman; Madeleine Burke of St. Paul, Mesdames E. H. Morse, Max Goldman, E. D. Carstater, Maude Carlson, Fannie

Curran and Hermen Erickson of Minneapolis.

Entertainment and decorations, Max Goldman of Minneapolis, chairman; Mr. F. H. Finch and Alfred Russell of Minneapolis, Hulda Humala, Gordon Gilbertson, Fern Carlson, Verna Kruger, Dorothy Wilder, Florence Krottschinsky, Julia Kulk, Jane Mitchell, Margaret Robens, Virginia Bailey and Marion Gold of St. Paul.

Donations, Ellen Murray of St. Paul, chairman; Margaret Lamuth Paul, chairman; Margaret Lamuth, Jules Geller, Mesdames Donald Van Kougnet and H. V. Sommer of St. Paul; Rudolph Peterson, Oscar Coover, Anel Rouse and Mrs. Kenneth Haycraft of Minneapolis.

### FOUND

Chauffer's license No. 39908 with cap and 574 button. The above articles were picked up outside the Cream of Wheat shipping room. Call at Union office.

### LOST

In the vicinity of Bryant and 14th North a four months old brown and white basset hound. E. M. Ayres, 1406 Bryant Ave. N.

**Nelson Welding Co.**  
E. C. NELSON, Prop.  
A Specialty of Truck Body Building  
Present Location, 2520 Nicollet  
Moving Soon—Watch for New Address

# Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

You really missed something if you failed to attend the dance on Saturday, May 23. The dance was given by Local 160, the Northern States Power crowd. It was really a bang up affair. . . Had lunch on Tuesday last with the millwork strikers. President Spitzemberger promised (verbally) that Local 574's Band would play the victory dance when the strike is won.—It will be. As though you didn't know. . . While making the rounds of downtown music houses last Wednesday, 26th, I was very nearly trampled under the feet of five of the International Teamsters' imported thugs. They were stampeding to lunch at the Elgin. These five (there are ten in all) were pointed out to me by a newspaper acquaintance of mine whose name I withhold. The biggest of these hoodlums stopped to mangle the mit of my informer. Yeah, I got his name. . . "Slatz" Randall at the Coconut Grove really has a smooth outfit. Still they have that tired indifference that characterizes "all nite" club bands. His drummer and I took down our hair and had a good cry over the maltreatment of drummers the world over. . . Bill Brown, you sure scared hell out of the band at the Local 160 dance. That "baton" you were waving—ugh! . . .

DISCORD: Two down at the heels musicians working on lower Washington and playing "We're In the Money." . . Earl Sande, former famed jockey—now a crooner—tiny and neat singing to a "Blimp" at a nearby table. The song? "Cling to Me." . . A recent radio report (March of Time) stated that Detroit was being overrun by large brown rats. What the hell! How about the big "Yellow Rats" in Minneapolis? . . . Old man, Pete, the trumpet man, dashed away to go fishing right after the dance Saturday night. Maybe when he gets back he'll have something to blow his horn about. . . Wish we had a fiddle player in our outfit. I need some gut leaders. . . Anyone within range of this column who would like to hire the best seven piece band in town get in touch with Dick Atherton or write yours truly.

### POME

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to his boss has said,  
"This is the end. I'll take no more,  
I'll horse off and join 574."

### Hurt

Otto Schmeck, federal worker on the old Vocational High project, is confined to St. Mary's Hospital with a broken heel. The steward reports that brother Schmeck will be unable to work for several weeks.

### FOR SALE

One 1½ ton Chevrolet long wheel base truck. This truck is equipped with ten foot stake body, dual wheels and overload springs. This equipment is in splendid condition and will be a real bargain for cash. Inquire at Union office.

### FOUND

By Martin Jaroska, 628 20th Ave. N. E., license plate No. X37-415. The license plate is at the Union office.

Darmstadt, Germany: "Nazi authorities here ordered a father to rename his eight year old son, christened "Lenin," saying a purely Bolshevik name like Lenin is not admissible in Germany today."

# CLOSED UNION MEETING VOTES ASSESSMENT

One Dollar to Be Collected on All Dues Paid in June

The closed membership meeting which was held Monday, May 25, was the largest strictly Union meeting that has ever been held by Local 574. Only members who were paid up and in good standing were admitted to the hall. The occasion for the closed meeting, which was the first of its kind that has been held for some time, was for the purpose of discussing with the membership the attack that has been launched on Local 574 by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and gangsters employed by them.

Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, was the first speaker. He gave an analysis of the accomplishments of Drivers Union since the strikes of 1934 and showed that the Union has been making steady progress not only a matter of increasing membership but also in the number of new agreements that had been entered into between the Union and groups of employers.

Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer of the Union, reported for the Executive Board and recommended that a \$1 assessment be levied on the membership, during the month of June, for the purpose of raising an adequate defense fund with which to meet the attack being launched against the Union. After some discussion from the floor, the motion for a dollar assessment passed unanimously.

Carl Skoglund asked that a collection be taken up to help defray the expense of the funeral of Brother Arthur Thompson who died two weeks ago. After William Brown, President of the Union, had appealed to the membership for their loyal support to the Union the meeting adjourned.

# Thomas Sees Mooney In California Cell

Bringing the greetings of Socialists all over the country, Norman Thomas visited Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings in the county jail here. Mooney's hearing on habeas corpus proceedings will be over about June 1, he told Thomas. He will then return to Folsom, while their attorneys argue the legal aspects of the case before the State Supreme Court.

The two framed labor leaders discussed with Thomas the Tampa kidnapping-flogging-murder trial, involving seven former policemen. Mooney stated that he receives daily reports on the trial, which in many respects he considers similar to his own frame-up and conviction.

The fight for Mooney and Billings is greatly hampered by lack of funds, announced the Mooney-Billings Defense Fund. Money sent to this fund, care of the Socialist Party, 1057 Steiner Street, San Francisco, will be used for preparing briefs for the court and preparing for the appeal.

The picnic committee, who are burning up on the affair, announce the Union picnic will be held at Webb's Place, Bass lake, August 9.

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,  
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik  
I'm labor."

## The Left Wing

Recent happenings in the Minneapolis Central Labor Union indicate clearly the need for an organized left wing in that body. All the elements necessary for it are there. What is lacking is a program and a leadership with enough courage, determination and intelligence to put a left program into effect. Slowly but surely Meyer Lewis and the rest of the reactionaries, in that body, are capturing complete control and it will not be long now until a determined and militant drive will be launched against every progressive element in the C. L. U.

Resistance to the witch burning and red scare that will take place cannot be accomplished by the left lying down and allowing the reactionary bureaucratic steam roller to pass over their bodies.

It is pitiful that many so-called lefts in the C. L. U. imagine that by bowing and kowtowing Lewis and his agents they will be spared. No more false conception could exist. When the reactionaries gain ironclad control, every head in the Central Labor Union that ever entertained a progressive thought will roll in the dust. An organized caucus is their only safety.

## A Union Traitor

It has often been said that the lowest form of human life and that the meanest and most despicable of all mankind is the scab. While this is true, in a certain sense of the word, there is another lowest form of humanity beside which the scab is an honorable gentleman in comparison. The scab, and even the professional strikebreaker, may always have the excuse that they perform that role because of ignorance. And at times that is a valid excuse. Not every scab that takes a job in a strike is conscious of the injury he is doing his fellow workers.

But the traitor who deserts his Union, for pay, and goes over to the ranks of the enemy has no defense for his actions and can find no excuse for his conduct. He cannot plead ignorance. He is a conscious and knowing Judas. He has betrayed his Union; he has outraged his principles; and he has sold his fellow workers to the enemy. The average honest trade unionist finds it impossible to form a correct estimation of the filthy character of an individual who turns traitor and betrayer to his fellow workers.

There is, however, one grain of comfort in the contemplation of such traitorous action. The former unionist who has sold himself for dirty money has forever branded himself by the human leper to his fellow men. When the traitor turned his face down that dark road of shame he left behind him all chances of ever enjoying again respect and confidence of his fellows. He will be hounded, sneered at and derided wherever honest men foregather. He will be shunned as one would shun a horrible disease. It is a just reward.

## Station Strike "Report"

The "report" and "discussion" of the recent gasoline filling station attendants strike, in the Central Labor Union, was living testimony to the impotency and weakness of the whole craft union set-up. Set as a special order of business for the Wednesday C. L. U. meeting, many delegates imagined they would hear a report and an analysis on the cause of the disastrous ending of the recent strike.

What they actually heard was a tirade of abuse and attack against the Petroleum Workers Union and personal accusations hurled against the Union representative, George Lund. Meyer Lewis, personal representative of Wm. Green, and H. A. Bradley, national officer of the Filling Station Attendants Council, led off the attack.

No analysis, no discussion and no reasons were given for the failure of the recent strike. Simply an attack based on personalities was all that the delegates heard. When Lund attempted to answer the attacks he was met with the usual display of bureaucratic despotism.

Here we have a situation which should make honest trade unionists shudder in horror. The C. L. U., composed of delegates from all affiliated locals, supposed to be the leading body of the Minneapolis trade union movement, cannot even hear an intelligent discussion or analysis of a recent strike failure which has already had effects and repercussions in the whole local movement. Instead of that they hear some self-inflated bureaucrat launch an attack against the progressive section of the local trade union movement.

It is time that every honest C. L. U. delegate should examine the local central body and find out whether it is an instrument which can be used to the advantage of the Minneapolis labor movement or whether it is something that is being used by the ultra-reactionary elements in the A. F. of L. to crush, destroy and stifle every sign and manifestation of trade union progress.

# Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

The state graveling job drivers laid off from Thursday to Monday.

Curt Zander who ribbed the Hamel man about the postponed wedding and the new car seems to be going through the same experience himself. He has a new car and we haven't heard anything about a wedding.

The Union extends its sympathy to Guy Gale.

It may be just a coincidence, but Pat Corcoran was seen in the Mayor's office shortly before the Thursday raid on Local 574 club rooms.

The Executive Board sessions are almost a daily happening these days.

### FOR SALE

One battery, one 30x5 and one 1934 truck radiator and one wheel for same model. call Dupont 1445.

The market agreement was the biggest victory won by 574 this year and without a cross word.

The mother of Eugene Burkhart, member of Local 160, N. S. P. Union died Friday morning at 6 a. m. She was buried Sunday at 2 p. m. at Monticello, Minnesota.

The Union was unable to supply the demand for drivers and helpers during the past week.

### THINGS I WOULD NEVER THINK OF DOING

- Giving Phil Gagnon an auto trailer for a present. . . .
- Asking C. B. Carlson to join 500. . . .
- Challenging Fritz Snyder. . . .
- Standing in Tony Palaia's shoes. . . .
- Asking Fred Nelson who is managing the baseball team. . . .
- standing for re-election if we were Mayor Latimer. . . .
- Telling John Geary that the Teamsters International was hay-wire. . . .
- Asking our stenographer to work on Saturday. . . .
- Telling the Executive Board that we were going on a vacation. . . .
- Asking the C. L. U. organizer what happens to all the workers we turn over to him. . . .
- Being Meyer Lewis. . . .
- Explaining what happened to the filling station attendants strike. . . .
- Being responsible for the C. P. program. . . .
- Answering to the workers for the mistakes that the A. F. of L. has made. . . .
- Asking Dick Das to shave. . . .
- Asking Gardener to reduce. . . .
- Talk about C. Skoglund's car.

Poor Axel.

G. Frosig and J. Severson were city guests last week.

The Sash Workers are settling down for a seige.

P. Gagnon and H. DeBoer held a two man meeting the other night.

The prize-taker of the spring season is the story of the worker in the local rubber plant. A visitor at the factory, knowing that the workers were organized, asked one of the men if their union was affiliated to Local 574. The worker pondered for a moment. "No," he said, "I think that we are AFFLICTED with the American Federation of Labor."

The C. L. U. report on the filling station strike was a honey. Meyer was at his best.

G. Dunne's ribs are almost normal. He says he's ready for another trip.

### FOR SALE

One one-half yard steel box and Wood hydraulic hoist. \$110 cash. Can be seen at 4527 Thomas No.

Strikes don't just happen, they accumulate.

## LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

From the Daily Worker: "The need for defeating the plans of the Republican-Liberty League-Hearst combination will be the central point in the Communist election campaign, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, declared at a press conference yesterday."

What a hell of a slogan for the workers. Defeat the Republicans means Elect the Democrats! And yet it is precisely the Democrats and Roosevelt who have so often betrayed the workers who believed in them—by starting the terror against the general strike in San Francisco, by putting through the largest appropriation for war in the history of the country, by ignoring the beating and killing of workers in the good Democratic state of Florida, etc., etc. The workers deserve a party better than the Republican, the Democrat, or some phoney national "Farmer-Labor" party.

Prize headline of the week: Dean Coffey of U. Says Security Is Dangerous to Individualism.

According to Coffey, if a man is secure, that is, if he has sufficient clothes, food and a roof over his head and doesn't have to worry about the future, then in some strange fashion he no longer has any individuality. It seems to me that individuality would just begin to start when a man was secure.

Biggest laugh of the campaign: According to George Getz, treasurer of the Republican national committee, his party will depend on small change to finance their presidential campaign this year. The day of huge political contributions is past, he said.

Dr. Morris Fishbein cautions: "New additions to baby's diet must be made slowly."

The doctor must be thinkin' about families on relief—he hasn't any idea about how slow new items are added to a baby's diet.

Pot - Calls - Kettle department: "Secretary Ickes Charges Republicans Exploit Negroes."

Pittsburgh headline: "Mellon Reported Buying More Art."

Looks like good times are here again—for bosses like Andy Mellon. The aluminum workers better prepare for another wage cut.

Harry Holmes, field secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship: "The imagination of youth is now being captured by materialistic shibboleths. We must strive to give them a grasp of eternal verities."

He means young people nowadays are worried about lack of jobs and living on low relief standards, and the trick is to make 'em think they'll get Pie in the Sky, By and By.

# High Court Hits Guffey Coal Act

Monday, May 18, the Supreme Court of the United States declared the Guffey Coal Control Act illegal. The vote of the court was 6 to 3. And so another pet measure of the new dealers goes to the legislative scrap heap along with the NRA and all other laws enacted by the Roosevelt regime which gave labor something like an even break.

The legal disqualification of the Guffey Act will have far-reaching effects in the ranks of the United Mine Workers Union whose leadership had insisted that the passage of this act would cure the economic ills of the miners. John L. Lewis, president of the Miners Union, has, for over a year, told the miners that the passage of the Guffey Act would forever do away with the necessity of taking strike action to enforce their demands.

Now after two years of struggle, during which time all of the energies of the United Mine Workers Union have been directed in securing the passage of the Guffey Coal Control Act, the Miners Union finds itself right where it started.

In progressive labor circles the action of the Supreme Court comes as no surprise. It would have been indeed surprising had they ruled otherwise. However, there is a lesson to be drawn from the court's decision. That is futility of worker's organizations depending upon legislative bodies to secure economic reforms.

Mrs. Benjamin Bangs, president of the Alameda County chapter of the Women Defenders of America, speaks out: "We'll support anyone, Republican or Democrat, provided our investigation shows he is a candidate who stands for patriotic constitutional government. But we will not endorse anyone who supports the New Deal."

I'll bet Mrs. Bangs is the kind who likes all workers, especially "loyal workers" who act as strikebreakers during a strike.

With our Great Thinkers: "Prof. William Ogburn Says Recovery Possible Despite Unemployment."

These people never say who gets "recovered"—the workers or the bosses.

Headline in Christian Science Monitor: "Machine Mining Invades Romance of Coal Industry."

What the hell was so romantic about mining coal by hand — or mining it any way, for that matter?

News items from Warsaw, Poland: "While no representatives of Left-Wing views have been included in the new cabinet, it is expected that government policy will show sympathy towards the needs of the poorer classes, while dealing firmly with any tendencies towards Socialism or Communism."

## Local 160 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, June 3—Regular membership meeting.
- Thursday, June 4—Executive Board meeting.
- Wednesday, June 10—Stewards and open organization meeting.
- Thursday, June 11—Executive Board and special Kelvinator Dept. meeting.
- Wednesday, June 17—Regular membership meeting.
- Thursday, June 18—Executive Board.
- Wednesday, June 24—Stewards and open organization meeting.
- Thursday, June 24—Executive Board.