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## TOBIN, CORCORAN WAR ON 574

### SASH WORKERS RANKS SOLID IN 4TH WEEK

Mill Workers Stand Pat on  
Demands of the  
Union

Citizens Alliance Shows Its  
Hand in Stand of  
Bosses

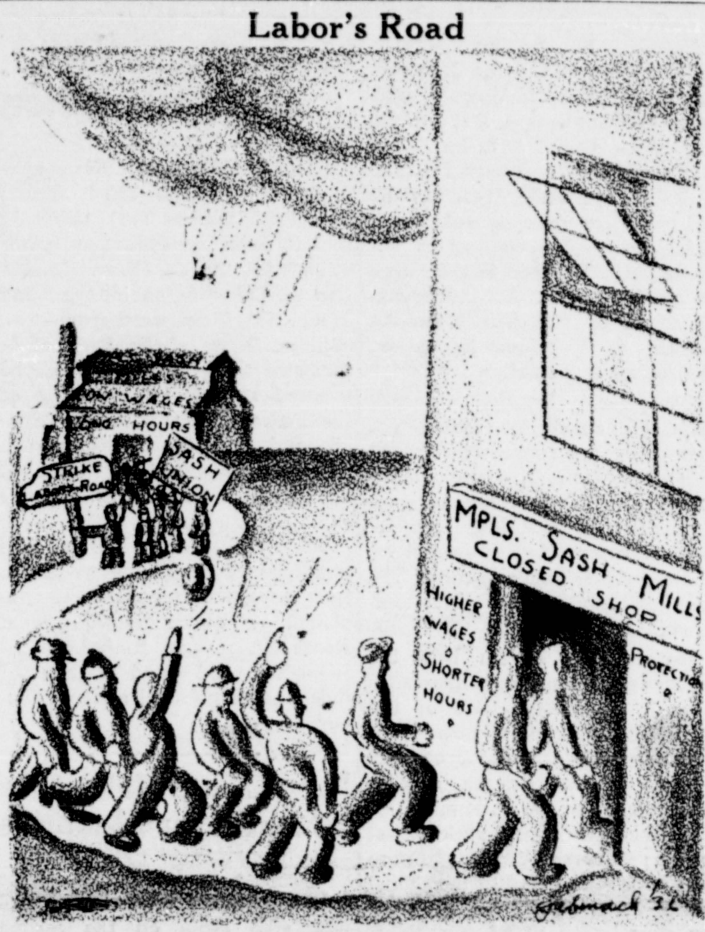
The strike of the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union has developed into a struggle between a Union, determined to win recognition of their organization, and a group of employers, dominated by the Citizens' Alliance, who have decided on an attempt to destroy the Union organization by a lockout policy.

The sash, door and mill owners have apparently decided that Union organization in Minneapolis sash and door mills must be settled at this time with a victory for the owners. Despite the fact that the building industry in Minneapolis and vicinity is completely shut down due to the lack of sash material and in spite of the fact that enormous pressure is being exerted on the mill owners by building contractors to settle the labor controversy and so allow building activity to return to normal, the mill owners are stubbornly holding out.

Fortunately the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union are equally determined that no surrender shall be made until such time as their demands are met in full by the sash mill owners. These demands include Union recognition, seniority and an upward revision in their pay schedule. Indications are plain that the Citizens' Alliance, labor-hating association of Minneapolis employers, have interjected themselves into the struggle and are playing their usual despicable role of advising and counseling, coercing and threatening and so keeping the mill owners in line to resist the demands of the Union of their workers.

Last week the Latimer Employer Employees Relations Board called the leadership of the Sash Workers Union into conference and made their usual strikebreaking proposals. Frank Miller, secretary of Latimer's "Labor Board" who is now recognized in labor circles as being candidate for No. 1 strikebreaker in the Northwest, put out a feeler to the Sash Workers Union in an attempt to find out whether or not the Union had weakened sufficiently for him to make one of his usual "settlements." The representatives of the Sash Workers Union indignantly rejected Miller's proposal which was nothing more nor less than an offer to the workers to return to the mills under the same old conditions.

The spirit in the strikers' ranks



### Resolutions to Be Signed by All Endorsed F-L Candidates

To the Honorable Floyd B. Olson, Governor of the State of Minnesota:

WHEREAS: Assaults and slugging outrages are being committed against 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 on 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 most reactionary political forces in the state are utilizing the situation that exists to attempt to create a division in the ranks of the trade union movement to the end that they may succeed in destroying every vestige of progressive political development and,

WHEREAS: The Citizens' Alliance, also seizing this opening, have given close co-operation to the above mentioned reactionary forces and are making an attempt to aim a death blow at the trade union movement and the Farmer-Labor party,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the undersigned candidates of the Farmer-Labor party and labor officials demand that the state machinery be used to immediately effect an investigation and clean up for this outrageous thuggery and gangsterism to the end that an exposure be made of the subterranean connections with certain sections of law enforcement bodies in Minneapolis and elsewhere throughout the state.

is magnificent. Although they have been on strike for over a month there is not the slightest indication of weakening and, so far, not a single worker has deserted the ranks of the Union. Picketing is maintained on a very efficient standard and the mills

are constantly guarded by the entire membership of the Union. The Commissary continues to operate smoothly and efficiently and hundreds of men get their noonday meal at the strike headquarters where the food is prepared by

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### Union Members Slugged And Shot at by A. F. of L. Joint Council 'Organizers'

#### Senator Benson Writes to Union

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on Interstate  
Commerce

June 5, 1936

Mr. William S. Brown, Pres.  
General Drivers Union  
Local No. 574  
257 Plymouth Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Brown:

I want to thank you for your letter of June 2nd, giving me further information concerning the brutal and unprincipled attacks upon your officials by armed thugs. Such attacks regardless of who is responsible, are nevertheless the tactics of such fascistic and un-American organizations as the Black Legion, the Union-busting vigilantes, and some of our so-called law and order organizations who use Americanism as a shield, and law and order for a blind to oppress and persecute organized labor.

I have introduced a Resolution in the Senate for a nationwide Congressional investigation of such activities, and assure you that I will fight such tactics to the last ditch. I think it is time we had a show down on who are the defenders of real American institutions and who are the most vicious enemies of those institutions.

Sincerely yours,  
Elmer A. Benson  
SENATOR BENSON

#### Attack Occurs in Broad Day- light on Washington Avenue

Thursday afternoon another attempt at assassination was made by the representatives of the Teamsters Joint Council. This time the victims of the attack were not officials or organizers of the Union, but four rank-and-file members of Local 574 who were proceeding with their business which had nothing to do with organizational activities of the local union.

At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon while proceeding in an automobile south on Washington Avenue, the four members of Local 574 were cut off and run into the curb at 7th Avenue by ten gangsters who had followed them in two automobiles. The Teamsters Joint Council "organizers" piled out of their cars, each one flourishing a gun, and ordered the four Union men to the pavement. After searching their pockets the gangsters pulled blackjacks and started slugging, meanwhile keeping the defenseless workers covered with their weapons.

When the Union members attempted to escape by running they were followed by a volley of shots, many of which struck the pavements and buildings close to their bodies. The attack occurred in broad daylight in one of the busiest sections of Minneapolis.

Dozens of bystanders, who witnessed the attack, said that it was entirely unprovoked and that only by a miracle did the four workers and bystanders escape with their lives. In spite of the fact that the license numbers of the attacking cars is public property and despite the fact that the perpetrators of the attack are known, no arrests were made.

#### Furniture Drivers Hold Two Meetings

The furniture store drivers, helpers and inside workers held a meeting in the Union headquarters June 8. This was the second special meeting that has been called by the furniture workers in the last week.

The apparent unwillingness of the furniture employers to meet and discuss a proposed Union agreement was the subject of both meetings. Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer of Local 574, was in charge of the meeting.

Ace Revier, brother of Al Revier, driver at the Minneapolis Holmes, was buried last week. The Union sent flowers. Al says many thanks.

#### Socialist Party to Picnic on June 21

Sunday, June 21, the Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Party will hold a picnic and carnival at Riverside Park. The committee in charge of arrangements announce that there will be races, games, music. Valuable prizes will be awarded for the winners in the athletic events.

The highlight of the program will be a kittenball game between a team representing Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Local 574 team. Everyone is invited. Do not forget the time and place, Sunday, June 21, Riverside Park.

#### Tenth Ward Club to Picnic on Sunday

Tenth Ward Farmer-Labor Club will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, June 14, at the old Camden pumping station. The committee in charge has arranged a very attractive program which will include athletic events, various contests and a program of entertainment and dancing.

The entire state ticket of the Farmer-Labor party have been invited to take part in the speaking program.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



## Steel Union to Launch Drive Under C. I. O. Head

### Amalgamated Casts Lot With Industrial Committee Leadership

The Committee for Industrial Organization struck another body blow to the reactionary craft unionists on the A. F. of L. Executive Council with the announcement that the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers had not only agreed to accept the organization plan offered by the C. I. O., but had announced their intention to definitely throw in their fortunes with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The move of the Amalgamated does not come as a surprise to those who are familiar with the set-up in the steel industry. The steel employers have for years presented a solid, determined and united front to all efforts made to organize their workers. In almost every instance organizational drives of the Steel Workers Union have been defeated for two reasons. First, because of the efficient and far-flung spy system used by the steel barons and second, because jurisdictional claims of craft unionists have prevented the growth of the only kind of organization that could possibly hope to cope with their common enemy, an industrial union.

The plan offered by the C. I. O., which was presented by John Lewis to the Amalgamated Convention, proposed an immediate drive on the steel industry. This drive would be started simultaneously in every steel center by a capable staff of experienced organizers, financed by funds provided by the Industrial Committee. The plan further proposed that all workers in steel, regardless of craft, trade or calling, be organized into the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, on an industrial basis without regard for craft jurisdiction or claims.

So logical did this appear to the delegates that it was adopted with only slight changes and with few votes of the delegates opposing it. The success of the C. I. O. in the Amalgamated Convention threw consternation into the ranks of the craft union die-hards who go to make up the majority on the A. F. of L. Executive Council.

Without further ado the Executive Council addressed an official communication to the Committee for Industrial Organization ordering them to disband within two weeks. The ultimatum stated that refusal of the committee to so act would bring immediate suspension from the American Federation of Labor.

Shortly after the Executive Council's demands had been received by the C. I. O., the Amalgamated Association announced their intention of affiliating directly with the Industrial Committee. The adherence of the Steel Workers Union to the C. I. O. is a significant accomplishment for the proponents of industrial

unionism. The unionization of the steel workers, hampered and fettered for years by craft union claims, now becomes possible of accomplishment. That the steel workers should throw in their lot with the C. I. O. should be cheering news to those who realize the necessity of efficient union organizations in one of the country's basic industries, steel.

## The Railroad Unions

To My Fellow Workers:

I note with interest that the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has voted to accept the aid of the Committee for Industrial Organization and will enroll all new members in one union of the industrial type. This should help to build labor solidarity into a major factor in American life. The growing consciousness of labor's political strength is another factor not to be overlooked. Our fellow workers are taking an interesting and comprehensive view of national affairs and are alive to the interests of the country generally.

It seems that labor influence scores again when we read of the prevailing wage amendment recently written into the Work Relief Measure. It seems to have but little opposition.

The capitalistic system seems to insist on destroying itself. It may be a wise policy for the bankers and big business men to get out among the masses and find what the common herd is thinking about.

If the chief executives of the so-called Standard Railway Labor Unions were interested in anything outside of feathering their own nest they would get out among the workers they are paid to represent and find out what these workers want and why they want it.

History tells us that exploiters of the people often lost their estates and many thousands of them lost their heads. History has a queer way of repeating itself.

WILLIAM E. JONES,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Striking Workers Thrown in Streets

Six pickets, charged with breaking the peace and public profanity, were arrested as cops once again smashed a picket line of 140 striking workers at the Rockwood Hosiery Mills, while evictions of families from their homes continued apace in an effort to break the walkout.

Seventeen families have been evicted from company-owned houses since the strike for higher wages started early this spring. Eviction notices numbered 21 in all, but four of the families have left town. The rest are living in cramped quarters with other strikers or their sympathizers.

Rockwood deputies handled the eviction proceedings. They entered the strikers' shacks and moved the meager furniture into the middle of the road. Then they nailed the windows and doors shut. At one place a mother sat in front and sang union songs, while the children hastily pulled up what they could from the garden they had planted and cared for. All of the evicted families lustily sang union songs as they were forced out of their homes.

## Bill Brown Says—

I thought the Tribune was just kidding when they ran the pictures of the police with their eyes closed and their hands over their ears. Now with gangsters in from Chicago, I believe that the pictures were true. These people are out slugging and shooting every day and the police haven't seen a thing yet. When the blow-off comes on the gang that was brought in here by Tobin and Corcoran, some of the Eighth Street Mexican Generals will have a red face. Keep on going, Latimer, you can't see gangsters so let's try and find another half-barrel of beer.



BILL BROWN  
President of 574

## Fargo Labor Enemies Make Up Committee for Jap 'Labor Leader'

Toyohiko Kagawa has the reputation of organizing the Japanese masses into labor unions and self-help co-operatives. But when, next week (June 13), he comes to Fargo, the labor hating center of Red River Valley reaction, he will be a "Japanese statesman and social worker," according to advance publicity given to the Fargo Forum by Dr. C. A. Armstrong, President of the North Dakota Council of Religious Education, sponsoring organization.

Conspicuous by their absence from the committee aiding Dr. Armstrong are representatives of Fargo labor unions. Besides labor unions, the Fargo-Moorhead community has at least four farmers' and consumers' co-operatives. These peoples' organizations are not represented on Dr. Armstrong's committee.

Instead, the Forum lists the following committee members: Mrs. J. H. Deems, wife of the branch manager of the Fairmont Creamery which was successfully struck by the drivers a few months ago; Dr. A. F. Hunsacker, from the reactionary agricultural college; George Jensen, Fargo banker newly elected to the school board; S. G. Reinertsen, red-baiting superintendent of the Moorhead schools; and States Attorney Bergesen, runner-up for the championship of labor persecutors of the Northwest.

By devotion to the cause of the underdog, Kagawa, a devout Christian and anti-communist, has built up strong economic organizations among the Japanese workers and farmers in the hope that some day the economic system will be guided by principles of Christian co-operation instead of by profit. The new day will come when the capitalist has been converted to this brand of Christianity and will voluntarily give up his power in favor of the new system. Kagawa believes that the true Christian spirit will solve all economic problems without strife.

There is no official word as yet from the Fargo labor movement. But rumor is that official labor in Fargo is gleefully awaiting the conversion to Christianity of the ladies and gentlemen who turned the police loose on men, women, and children of Local 173 a little over a year ago and drove them out of their union hall and into the county jail with gas bombs.

## Married

Bud Dolan, driver at the Consolidated Package Delivery, is to be married on July 1. Although the name of the bride has not been revealed as yet it is understood that she resides in the vicinity of Local 574 headquarters. Details and data on the nuptial adventure will be revealed as soon as they are available.

## FOR SALE

Two ice boxes. One, 75 pounds capacity and one 100 pound box. Also one set of late model Chevrolet overload springs. Call or write William Harms, 618 Johnson St. N. E. Telephone Gr. 3165.

## News Guild Will Join Federation

The American Newspaper Guild, holding its third annual convention in New York, voted 84 to 5 to apply for immediate affiliation with the American Federation of Labor as an international union. Unofficial word from Pres. William Green of the A. F. of L. indicates that the charter will be granted at the July meeting of the Federation's Executive Council, and that the newspapermen will be represented at the A. F. of L. convention in Tampa this fall.

Pres. Heywood Brown was unanimously re-elected to office. The delegates remembering repeated slaps from President Roosevelt, refused to indorse his re-election and voted in favor of independent political action by labor.

## New Union Halls Are Ready for Meetings

The two new halls that have been partitioned off from the former club room on the second floor of the Union headquarters are now almost ready for occupancy. The carpenter work has been finished and all that remains to be done is the painting and decorating. This work will probably be completed before the end of the week. Even before the work was completed the halls had already been used several times. Each hall will seat approximately 125 people. This addition to the hall space in the headquarters will solve a pressing problem.

The number of unions now meeting in our headquarters has made it imperative that more meeting space be provided. In the past three months it has been necessary at times to postpone meeting because of lack of space. The headquarters now boasts of three separate meeting halls and a committee room on the second floor and one large hall on the third. The new arrangement will make it possible for the Drivers Union to offer meeting facilities for other labor organizations.

## Non-Partisan Labor Dance Is a Success

The Saturday night dance given by the Non-Partisan-Labor Defense was a most successful affair both from a financial and social standpoint. The crowd, which comfortably filled the Drivers Auditorium, danced during the evening to music furnished by Local 574 band.

The carnival feature of the entertainment included fortune telling, initiation into the "Black Legion," tortoise races and other events. A goodly sum of money was raised by the affair which will be devoted to aiding working class victims. The Non-Partisan Defense plan on giving other social affairs in the near future.

## SASH WORKERS RANKS SOLID IN 4TH WEEK

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wives and friends of the Union members who have volunteered for this service.

Financial contributions from Unions and workers' organizations continue to pour in, while the committee in charge of soliciting food for the Commissary meet a kindly reception in almost every place where aid is asked. Regular Union mass meetings are held every day at 4 p. m. and one has only to attend these sessions to realize that surrender to the employers without victory is something that is not even thought of.

## Dave Benson Jailed In Farmer Strike

Dave M. Benson, member of the Workers Alliance of America National Executive Board, was arrested today in St. Francis County, Arkansas. Benson had been sent to the strike area by the Workers Alliance to show their solidarity with the striking workers. He was marching with the picket line when he was arrested.

Benson is charged with inciting to riot. Letters and papers found on him introducing him to union leaders form the basis for the frame-up by the captain of the state rangers. Attempting to raise the cry of "Agitator" and thus discredit the strike of the farm workers now in progress and practically won in that county, reactionary sheets such as the Commercial Appeal are sure to play this up big.

Union leaders of the striking workers from St. Francis County were in the national office of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union at Memphis when word of the "frame-up" was received. They branded as forgeries and lies statements made by the captain of the rangers that Benson had been sent into the area to start a riot and get somebody killed.

Protests against these illegal and false arrests should flood the office of the county sheriff of Forrest City, Arkansas. Demand that the state rangers be withdrawn from the strike area. According to law, they should not be used in labor disputes. Demand that the Governor of Arkansas withdraw his private army from the strike area.

## Harlan Miners Ask For Their Freedom

Pardon appeals of four of the Harlan miners now imprisoned on long terms at the Kentucky state penitentiary at Frankfort will be heard by Gov. A. B. Chandler in July, it is expected by the Kentucky Miners Defense Committee.

The American Newspaper Guild and the dressmakers' joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York have recently indorsed the committee's attempt to win freedom for the men.

## BELT LINE NOTICE

Truck No. 218, it seems mighty strange that you with a 3 to 5 yard load capacity should be working at a cut rate scale of \$1.35 an hour. You should be getting \$2.25. When you are approached by the stewards, strange as it seems, you have never heard of "574." Perhaps we will have to pull our trucks over to the side rather than work with a cut-throat fink. Better drop in and explain—maybe your truck only appears to be large, who knows?

## LOCAL 574 MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12 — Federal Workers  
Thursday, June 18 — Independent Truck Owners  
Friday, June 19—Job Stewards: Federal Workers  
Monday, June 22—Full Membership  
Tuesday, June 23—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.  
Friday, June 26 — Federal Workers.

Other section meetings will be specially called.



## Murphy, Lewis and Latimer Join In Vicious and False Statement

A statement published in the Minneapolis Tribune evening edition of June 4 contained the following statement:

"After a conference between Meyer Lewis, A. F. of L. representative in Minneapolis, Mayor Latimer and L. J. Murphy, the following statement was issued."

If further proof of the direct hookup between the most vicious and reactionary elements in the A. F. of L. and Mayor Latimer is needed one should look no further than the few lines which headed the completely false and lying statement that was issued over Murphy's signature.

Murphy said in his statement that members of Local 574 had attacked representatives of the Teamsters Joint Council (he means the gangsters imported from Chicago by the local Drivers officials.) He said further that 574 members had fired shots at the Teamsters Joint Council "organizers."

Murphy, Meyer Lewis, Latimer and the whole police department know this story to be a tissue of falsehoods from start to finish. Dozens of eyewitnesses can be summoned who will testify that the car containing four members of Local 574 was overhauled by two cars with five gangsters in each who caught the 574 car on 7th and Washington Avenues North, drove the local men from the car at the point of a gun, slugged them with blackjacks, fired at least 12 shots and apparently were in no hurry to make their escape.

There is not one iota of truth in Murphy's statement that we had been experiencing trouble at the Stanchfield Transfer Company. No official or organizer of Local 574 had occasion to be at this company's dock. All drivers there are members of Local 574.

Latimer, Meyer Lewis and Murphy know that this attack was deliberate. All know who perpetrated the attack and all know the license number of the cars that were used by the gangsters. Despite protests to Latimer's office no action has taken place. Members of the Farmer-Labor party should inquire closely into the reasons that bring this semi-Fascist attitude on the part of a Farmer-Labor elected Mayor.

## Yellow Notes

It has been noted the crop of "alfalfa" mentioned in last week's issue has disappeared.

A call was received recently at the office reporting Yellow Cab No. 24 was seen going down the street minus the driver. On investigation it was discovered that the cab was being operated by "Midget" Wiggins.

Our committee man Harlan is on a few days vacation on account of sickness of his sister.

Our star pitcher took the "fatal leap" a week ago Saturday and it is suggested a collection be taken to provide the "Mrs." with a step-ladder so she may properly perform the act of osculation.

Ask Gunnard to tell you about the "big one" that got away while fishing at Waconia.

Geo. Houle has his old sparring partner back again now that Palmquist has left his "single shift" car.

The Yellow Cab team suffered another defeat last Sunday in a score of 9 to 2 with the Westgate team.

## N. S. P. Union Has Meeting Monday

The Overhead Department of the Northern States Power Company met in the Drivers Hall Tuesday night. The meeting was devoted to a discussion of a series of discriminations aimed at the Union by the Northern States Power Company. An almost 100% turnout was on hand when the meeting opened.

## Independent Truck Chatter

The biggest surprise at the last meeting was that Mickey Dunne and yes, even our organizer, Brother Rainbolt, attended the meeting. Maybe they are trying to "cut in" on our "Big Broadcast."

Our new quarters gave the appearance of a "Turkish bath" during the meeting. Bring your own towels for the next meeting and thereafter until that Union Ventilator makes it more comfortable.

A suggestion has been made to use these quarters as a sweat room for bringing these would-be 500 members into line.

Believe it or not, but we have a member who goes for a nice long ride on Sundays. He was seen near Lake Mille Lacs with his truck Sunday. He must be a believer in perpetual motion.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

When on "this here" relief work, "218" sends you a driver—do not even take a test run with him UNLESS he can show you a PAID-UP card. You agreed to do this, the day you joined the section. Do you remember?

You have heard the old story, "I'll join pay day" and then "Last pay day I only got half of what I had coming"—well, take care of your brother members. Catch on?

One dollar thirty-five cents per hour hand loaded and \$1.45 per hour shovel loaded is the scale, boys. Tell your timekeeper to read bulletin "38" — or Rainbolt will have to come out and read it for him.

It seems that Myron Anderson is gunning for someone and it isn't the big black sedan. Seems someone gave him a tip on a contract job for five trucks. After spending most of Saturday rounding up five trucks for the job, he called the contractor and discovered it was a false alarm.

C. Zander has proof that this new car that Mickey is talking about is merely a new paint job. Reason, one gallon of oil to every three hundred miles.

There is lots of road work going on in northern Minnesota. To you members who are unemployed we suggest you investigate these jobs and if you have any luck and need more trucks, report it to the headquarters. "Do your stuff."

Our friend Hitler seems to be losing his dictatorship over his slaves. Nazi to you, Herr Hitler.

### FOR SALE

One and one-half ton 1935 long wheelbase Ford V-8 truck, equipped with stake body. \$550 will buy. Call Gr. 3165.

## Palaia Is Expelled By Drivers Union

WHEREAS: Tony Palaia, former member of the Independent Truck Owners Section Local 574, General Drivers Union has, in the last three weeks, conducted himself in such a manner as to bring discredit and danger to his Union and his Union brothers and,

WHEREAS: After due and mature deliberation and investigation the duly elected Executive Board of Local 574 recommends to the membership that said Tony Palaia be expelled from General Drivers Union Local 574 and that he forever be prohibited from holding membership in this organization again and,

WHEREAS: The expulsion of Palaia has been recommended by the section of which he was a former member, the Independent Truck Owners, and by the stewards of Local 574.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership meeting of Monday, June 8, go on record as concurring the recommendations of the Executive Board in the case of Tony Palaia and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said Tony Palaia from this time on is and shall be no longer a member of Local 574 and that he be further prohibited from holding membership in this organization and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be posted in a conspicuous place in the Union headquarters and that it be published in the official organ of Local 574, the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER.

## Truck Owners 95% Employed

The Independent Truck Owners held a large and enthusiastic meeting Thursday evening, June 4. Among the important matters taken up for discussion was one that applied to driving at excessive speeds on state, county and WPA jobs. It was pointed out that the state has set a speed limit of 35 miles per hour and anyone driving in excess of that speed was subject to dismissal. A poll of those present disclosed that only five truck owners were unemployed.

Chairman Zander stressed the importance of reporting to the Union office when going on a job after being unemployed. He said that it made for great confusion when attempting to secure drivers for jobs if such reports were not made.

The Steering Committee reported that the list of delinquent members, which have been turned over to the stewards for their attention was rapidly being taken care of. Stewards were instructed to pick up the emblems of truck owners who were discovered to be

## Union Members Must Attend All Local Union Membership Meetings

Again the necessity for members to attend Union meetings must be brought home. Apparently it is the conception of many members of the Union, who belong to and meet with some particular section, that it is not necessary for them to attend general membership meetings. This, however, is entirely wrong.

It is vitally important that every member of the Union regularly attend Union membership meetings which are held the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Attendance at sectional meetings does not exempt members from attending meetings of the Union as a whole.

It can be pointed out at this time that whatever actions are taken at sectional meetings are only recommendations until they

## Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

There's gonna be a weddin' in the band, yowsah! Bob Lynch, our tenor saxman, came to work last Saturday night and announced:

"Hey, have youse guys heard the latest?"

"No."

"I'm gonna get married!"

Very romantic about it all. Well, congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynch. May there be a lot of little "lynchings." . . . We had a rather nice carnival dance on Saturday last. The place was overrun with "Black Legionaires," turtle racing fans and auctioneers. Everyone was in a carnival mood and seemed to be having a measure of fun. . . . Dropped down to the Star on Friday last to see how a large newspaper is run. Met Cedric Adams, too. There's a columnist who can write a column by just sitting at his desk and answering the phone. Soft, eh, what? . . . May I suggest, friend readers and music lovers, that now is the time to hold that dance. Warm weather is coming. The best dance band in town is at your service. Ask Dick Atherton about it or call yours truly at Gr. 5125. . . . The lady who built that chocolate cake for the lunch last Saturday night can come up to my place and spend the day. Bring your cooking utensils. . . .

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### DEPARTMENT OF PRAISE:

Sincere compliments to Ross Peters for his fine arrangement of "Leiberstraum."

Thanks to Miles Dunne for his constant attendance at our dances. "Mickey" has been the band's most ardent booster. . . .

Next week's column will be done by a guest columnist, Lloyd Gould, close friend of mine and a good musician. Some interesting comments on the band should develop. . . . Since Bob Lynch's marriage only two single men are left in the band. Line forms at the left, gals. Don't crowd. . . . Well—saloon.

Chicago news item: "Among the participants in the newly-formed Women Investors in America were members of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Dames of the Loyal Legion, Founders and Patriots, Daughters of 1812, and ninety other patriotic societies."

out of good standing.

A resolution was passed recommending to the general membership meeting the expulsion of Tony Palaia who was a former member of the Independent Truck Owners Section.

have been ratified at the membership meeting. Sectional meetings are only held for the purpose of discussing particular problems arising in the industry where the section member is employed. Sectional meetings are not a substitute for membership meetings and cannot take their place.

Those who complain about actions taken by the Union generally are members who consider they have fulfilled their Union obligations by attending meetings of their section. No valid criticism of any Union action can be made by any member who was not present at the meeting where the action was taken. It is well to bear in mind that actions or decisions made which affect the Union as a whole are only made at general membership meetings.

## Steel Convention Endorses C. I. O.

The Committee for Industrial Organization and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America claimed a major victory over craft union forces in the American Federation of Labor as delegates to the Canonsburg convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers accepted with a few reservations the C. I. O. plan to organize steel workers on industrial union lines.

The decision wrote another chapter into the struggle between craft and industrial unionists, both of whom have regarded the steel industry and its open shop barons as the outstanding obstacle in the path of America's growing union movement. The C. I. O. had frequently reiterated its offer to donate \$500,000 to a million and a half dollar war chest, provided that the drive be one to build industrial unions.

The A. F. of L. executive council, in its answer to a group of representatives sent by the A. A. convention to determine the A. F. of L. position, had offered to send its organizers into the field but insisted that the claims of existing craft unions must be respected.

## Gamble-Robinson Men Meet in 574 Hall

Gamble-Robinson drivers held a special meeting in the Union hall Tuesday preceding the general membership meeting. The subject of the meeting was the apparent unwillingness of the employer to renew the market agreement which has been signed by all of the produce firms on the Central Market.

### Prosperity

Hunger marches on in Louisiana! Charity hospital authorities at New Orleans report receiving a mother and seven children suffering from starvation.

### FOUND

Saturday, June 6, in Drivers Auditorium, third floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., two automobile keys in leather case. Owner can have property by identifying same. Call at Union office.

## On WPA Projects

Everything is coming along fine out at the Camden Park project.

The cement finishers are all in their Local except one. He will join soon.

The men on project No. 250 in Northeast Minneapolis are coming into Local 574 as fast as they can.

The men who have not joined the Federal Workers Section are missing a good time. They are left alone and are gradually beginning to see their mistake.

Albert Pratt injured his leg and foot while on the way home. He is getting \$60.50 a month so he cannot afford to take a street car back and forth to work.

The foreman got two cartons of cigarettes for pouring new cement in front of his place of business.

The two fink workers on project No. 259 are by themselves all the time.

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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."

## Craft Union "Unity"

A sample of the "division and discord" which the unions associated with the Committee for Industrial Organization are seeking to end, not to promote, comes from St. Louis, Missouri.

These unions contend that large numbers of workers outside the American Federation of Labor are ready and eager for organization inside its ranks, but are kept out by jurisdictional claims of craft unions which insist on the right to divide up workers in industries they have never been able to organize.

Workers in stone, sand and gravel production in the St. Louis area organized themselves several years ago in an independent union, because craft leaders there told them they could not remain united in one union if they joined the A. F. of L. Such unity they regarded as absolutely essential to successful organization.

But these workers felt their isolation from the main stream of the labor movement and sent a delegation to the C. I. O. to see if there wasn't some way they could get into the A. F. of L. and still preserve their industrial unity.

Director Brophy of the C. I. O. advised them to apply to the Quarry Workers International Union, an A. F. of L. affiliate which has the charter right to industrial jurisdiction in their industry. As soon as they discovered they were eligible to membership in this union, these 1,000 workers joined up in a body and were chartered as Local 261.

But then an extraordinary thing happened. Instead of welcoming this influx of new members, the A. F. of L. leaders suddenly launched a most vicious attack upon them. Building unions in St. Louis began boycotting material produced by the A. F. of L. quarry workers and called strikes on jobs where it was used. Although these workers are engaged in stone, sand and gravel production, not building construction, it was demanded that they disband their union and turn over certain groups of their members to the various building crafts.

No orders came from national headquarters to end this disgraceful attack on a new A. F. of L. union. On the contrary, President Wm. Green is reported to have sided at once with the attackers. Without even consulting the Quarry Workers International Union, he demanded it cancel its charter to the St. Louis group.

If this is the kind of reception which newly organized workers get when they join the A. F. of L., how can we expect to unionize the great unorganized industries? If the charter rights of the Quarry Workers can be thus contemptuously flouted in the very quarters where they have a right to expect protection, what union is safe from the type of banditry and fratricidal strife taking place in St. Louis?

Many obstructions have in the past been placed in the way of workers wishing to join the A. F. of L. But when strikes are actually called against them because of this commendable desire for unity, the limit surely has been reached.

## The Black Legion

The investigation being conducted into the activities of the "Black Legion" in Detroit and other automobile centers has brought to light many startling facts. Sufficient evidence has been brought forward to show that this semi-Fascist undercover organization has been carrying on many and varied activities.

In its treatment in the capitalist press one outstanding fact has been deliberately overlooked and suppressed; that is, this organization with its secret rituals and bloody oaths is essentially an anti-union, anti-working class instrument of the employers. It is worthy of note that the "Black Legion" had its birth and its greatest growth in Detroit and other nearby towns which are the center of American automobile production.

That this organization should come into being at this particular place and this particular time is not surprising. The owners of the automobile industry are fully aware that much time will not elapse until a determined drive is made by the exploited workers to unionize the auto industry. There can be little question but that the "Black Legion" is the brain child and the creation of the automobile overlords.

That it had its ramifications extending into all enforcement agencies is to be expected. Such subversive instruments of workers repression cannot exist or function without at least the tacit consent of police officials. That the "Black Legion" has already committed many crimes is a proven fact. But a sweeping investigation and a ruthless prosecution of the guilty will stop it from committing a greater crime which was contemplated. That crime was to be the smashing of union organization in the auto industry.

# Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

The check drawn by Verne Bennyhoff for the few hours that he put in at the Colonial Warehouse was exactly \$5.74

The first days work under the new pay schedule brought Fowler and Spooner, at the Minneapolis Holmes, \$15.20 each.

"Local 500" has a new charter hanging in the C. L. U. headquarters. You'd never guess what color it is. . . . RED. Why Mr. Tobin!

Work will start on the new North Side Housing Project some time this week.

Jack Seiverson, Colonial freight lugger, has an agent looking after his financial affairs.

The new yellows are doing 95% of all the local cab business.

One of the local transfer companies pays their drivers and helpers on different days. Reason? . . . To stagger the headaches.

Arnold Johnson was black-jacked by the "Local 500" gangsters Thursday.

The June 1st moving rush exceeded that of May.

Another big wood working factory is being organized by Local 1859.

The two new halls on the second floor are ready for meetings.

The Independent Truck Owners, in their Thursday meeting, passed a resolution recommending the expulsion of Tony Palaia.

The time when unions could be organized at the point of a gun passed ten years ago. . . . The only people that don't seem to know that are ones that are living in the past like Dan Tobin and his henchmen.

How many know the real role that is being played by Frank Miller, former secretary of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Board and now secretary of the Latimer Employee Relation Board? It's worth a story.

The Committee for Industrial Organization have given the proper answer to the demands made upon them by the craft union moguls. They just laughed.

Before the last election Latimer spoke before the membership of Local 574 asking for their votes. Now he sends the police in an attempt to destroy us.

The outside of the Union headquarters is being redecorated. Yes, Union painters are being employed.

The sash workers, like General Grant, say they will fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

V. Dunne and W. Brown were in Duluth Friday.

William Bennet, north side representative, was a Union visitor Wednesday.

Oil Union Bradley has demanded Lund's scalp.

Ray Dunne spoke to the anti-gangster mass meeting

on the East side Wednesday night.

Vice-president Frosig is still under the weather.

Despite all protests of officials and maneuverings with Congress and national politicians, the dismemberment of the M. & St. L. railroad, which will throw approximately 3,000 people out of work, goes merrily forward.

The league standing of the Minneapolis Association baseball team on Tuesday, June 2, was 574.

### HEARTS AFLAME DEPT.

Bob Lynch, sax tooter in 574 band, will take the big jump Friday. He is a member of the Candy Workers Union. To all questions put to the groom by your correspondent, the same answer was received. "I am So-o-o happy."

### PROTECTIVE COLORING

Since the advent of the street violence F. Dobbs has taken to wearing glasses.

The kitchen staff, all sash workers' wives, are wearing 574 buttons.

Hundreds of telegrams have been received from all over the country protesting against the existing violence against Local 574.

The Sash Workers Union has received donations from many labor organizations.

## LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

London news item: "It is estimated that the new King Edward has a wardrobe of around 150 suits and uniforms, in addition to an enormous quantity of decorations, boots, shoes, belts, sashes and hats. Three valets and a master-of-wardrobe are constantly employed attending to this vast collection."

Tree cheers for da democratic king o' England.

The fascist-minded Forbes advises the bosses: "Faithful, loyal old-time employees who know and are known by the executives and who are conscious of the fairness of the management, can exercise an invaluable influence throughout the whole working force. . . Make more fuss over your employees of long standing."

Plenty of rotten A. F. of L. officials come under that category.

Detroit news item: "The Ford Motor Company today reported for 1935 a total increase of \$3,565,617 in its profit and loss account and reserves, as compared with 1934. The surplus on Dec. 31, 1935, was \$582,977,651."

If every boss was as well fixed as Ford—we'd all be on relief.

Senator Borah: "Platforms are important but candidates are more important."

Nothing could be further from the truth—at least for the kind of a party the workers of America need. Platform and discipline should mean everything, candidates little.

Madison news item: "For violating postal laws, Basil Koob was ordered to attend church once a week for two years."

Col. Frank Knox of Chicago,

Republican, dishes out the dope on relief: "I favor an immediate attempt to bring the budget into balance. This can be achieved by reducing the costs of relief. Local administration of relief will be infinitely less expensive, and far less detrimental to morale."

Editors of The Nation asked William Green what he thought about amending the constitution. He wrote back: "Because of constant denunciation of president and other officers of the American Federation of Labor as reactionary, there does not appear to be any justification for making any answer to any inquiry you may submit."

That's right—pick up your marbles and go home.

From the War Department records: "In 1933, eight thousand national guardsmen were called out on strike duty; in 1934, twenty-four thousand guardsmen were called out by 22 governors in 73 strike situations."

And this year the generals are asking for three millions more for the national guard—the greatest little private strike-breaking army in the good old U. S. A.

Welcome news from H. L. Mencken: "The depression in this country was largely imaginary. Many of the unemployed, in fact, have lived better during the past four years than they would have lived had they been in work."

Ya, everyone's got a job—that crap about ten million unemployed is a bunch of bunk, put out by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to make the people feel bad.

Madrid news item: "Twenty-two persons were killed and nearly a hundred injured today in the mountain town of Yeste when Civil Guards opened fire on farmers who invaded the estates of the wealthy and attempted to cut down trees."—New York Times.

My, my—I thought the Popular Front government would quit shooting down poor people for a change.

Berlin news item: "Because the violent anti-Jewish weekly, Judenkenner, was considered a menace to the Olympic Games, authorities forbid it to appear on the streets."—C. S. Monitor.

Rome news item: "A decree today granted a \$240,000 increase for the secret political police, saying there was an urgent and absolute necessity for such an increase."—C. S. Monitor.

Financial Headline: "Forty Countries Have Defaulted Dollar Bonds Totaling \$1,825,000,000."

Which is just another way our country gets involved in war.

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### 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.