

Conciliation, But No Surrender, Offered by Strikers to End Strike and Disorder

Employers advertising in newspapers for sympathy seem divided into two kinds, one realizing and admitting that unfair wages have been paid; the other apparently offering conciliation but by the very terms of the offer refusing to make ANY surrender. It appears that of these two kinds, one is composed of business men guided by the principles of Live and Let Live and is not affiliated with the Citizens Alliance; the other offering "Conciliation without Surrender" is conclusively affiliated with the Citizens Alliance, which group in their letter of reply to Governor Olson refer to the fair employers as "Chiselers" and offering the stipulation that the strikers will be "protected legally and morally" in the spirit of "Conciliation but no surrender," appealing to the citizenry on the grounds that business is paralyzed but not admitting their ability to make a cure; nor will they permit the cure to be made by our city and its industry which they have ruined, and to whom they now offer settlement by way of "Conciliation but no surrender."

If they are so fair, why go to the expense of full page newspaper ads so their fairness is even suspicioned by themselves because they seek public sympathy comparable to a burglar saying "I didn't steal your horse but I'll return it." Is not that practical admission of their responsibility

for the strike? They need not pay thugs and gunmen \$10,000 daily to break the strike if they were fair.

If there is no arbitration now, how can this or any future question be settled? It is high time and late for working people to get some measure of authority and voice in determining the conditions under which they must work.

The employers say they bind no one whom they do not legally represent. It is clear that any settlement of this strike will vitally bind every citizen and every merchant just as the strike itself affects all. Small merchants, next to wage workers, have been hardest hit by this strike and will so continue if the Big Boys get their way without at least partial surrender.

THE HEART OF THIS STRIKE is in the fact that every citizen's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is BLOCKED by a few fairly clever business manipulators who refuse to loosen their strangle hold while disclaiming responsibility for choking us and say they speak for only themselves. A whip must now be wielded over big business of Minneapolis if the little fellow and the workers are to survive in freedom. The whip need not crack but it must STING.

**Mass Meeting in Support of Striking General
Drivers, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY
23rd, at 7 o'clock, at the knoll,
on the Parade Grounds**

All Workers and the General Public Invited
