



Bosses Draw Phony Lists

6,000 Mass at Parade Rally

Workers Turn Out at 574's Call

An enthusiastic crowd of 6,000 workers braved the cold weather last night and trekked down to the Parade grounds to hear addresses by the leaders of 574.

Speakers gave a detailed explanation of the balloting which is to take place on Tuesday, warned Union members that the fight is not over until the elections result in a 100% victory for the Union, and analyzed just what our magnificent struggle has meant to workers in Minneapolis, in the state, and in the nation.

The turnout of workers, who again and again vigorously voiced their approval of the speakers, was remarkable in the face of the chilliness of the night, and the extremely short notice of a few hours on which the meeting was called.

Farrell Dobbs, the first speaker, in explaining the ballot which will be given to each worker, said that "the left side of the ballot is where every honest working man will make his mark, the right side is for flunks."

He asked each worker to bring into Union headquarters not later than Sunday a complete list of all the workers who will be eligible to vote in each worker's firm.

Brother Alquist, head of the market workers division in Union 574, was roundly applauded as he warned the workers not to be tricked or intimidated in Tuesday's balloting.

Ray Dunne, the third speaker, spoke as follows:

"We are working hard now, checking all lists of eligible voters, so that we can cash in on the victory which we won on the picket lines. Friends of 574 and of organized labor can play a big role, an important part, in the next few days by drilling the 'green' men in the meaning and the advantages of trade unionism."

Brother Dunne stated that as Local 574 has already won one election and three strikes since February, the Union goes into the Tuesday elections with confidence that the only result will be a sweeping victory for fighting 574, a complete defeat for the bosses.

President William S. Brown received an ovation when he stated that the fight is not over yet, but that the most vigorous struggles still lie ahead. Is it not strange, asked Brother Brown, that after so many years during which the employers have shown a complete disregard for the welfare of their workers, that now they should take such an interest in the truck drivers and inside men, that now, all of a sudden, they should come to the employees and lovingly point out to them just why they should vote against Union 574?

Brown, who has just returned from the State A. F. of L. convention, told the crowd just what the fight of 574 has meant to the

Dance Postponed

The dance planned for tonight has been postponed by decision of the Executive Board and the Organizing Committee. All energies must be directed toward lining up the vote for the election Tuesday.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

1. Elections will be held Tuesday, August 28, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

2. The voting will be done in Fire Station No. 6, at 13th St. and Yale Place, between Nicollet and Hennepin Avenues.

3. The following workers have the right to vote:

a) All drivers, helpers and platform men in the 144 non-market houses, who were on the payroll on July 16, 1934.

b) All drivers, helpers, platform men AND INSIDE WORKERS in the 22 market houses, who were on the payroll on July 16, 1934.

c) All extra men who were employed regularly before July 16 are eligible to vote, even if they happened to miss a day's work on July 16.

4. If you have not yet been rehired, but were on the payroll on July 16, you have a right to vote.

5. Nobody who was not on the payroll on July 16 has a right to vote.

6. Salesmen cannot vote. But anybody who devotes less than 60 percent of his working time to selling is an inside worker and not a salesman. He has the right to vote.

7. If you are out of work but were on the payroll on July 16, go to the boss early Tuesday morning and get your registration card. Then vote.

8. In order to vote you must have a registration card. The Regional Labor Board has ordered your boss to give you one. This card shows the bosses' name, your name, your home address, your exact occupation, and your July 16 payroll number. Bring your registration card with you to the polls.

9. If on Tuesday morning you have no card, and think you should have one, come to the voting place anyway and report there to the election supervisor and the union officials.

10. The boss must give you time to vote. If he does not give it to you, he is breaking the agreement. Take time.

11. The ballot will be secret and the boss will never know how you voted.

12. There will be two union watchers at the polls, and they will protect your interests. These watchers will also be present when the ballots are counted.

13. The ballot will show two opposing tickets. See the sample on page 3. An x-mark for one of these tickets is the only mark you should make on the ballot.

14. One of the tickets is Local No. 574. The other ticket will be a list of names of men working in your firm. Vote for the ticket which says "I VOTE FOR LOCAL UNION NO. 574." Put an x-mark in that box.

15. No matter whose names appear on the opposing list, turn it down. Even if they are your friends or union leaders, do not vote for them. Even if you see your own name, do not vote for it. If you vote for the ticket of individual names, you will be voting against the union and for the boss.

16. If the boss asks your permission to use your name on his ticket, refuse. He has no right to use it without your permission. You will be represented ONLY by the Local 574 ticket.

17. All union men should urge all non-union men to vote the Local 574 ticket. Give them a copy of these instructions. Explain that the ticket of individual names is the bosses' ticket, and that every worker should vote only for the union.

18. When you get to the voting place, do not let anybody stampede you or frighten you. Take your time. Our watchers will see to it that nothing is put over on you.

19. If the boss or anybody else tries to intimidate or influence you, inform the union at once.

20. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT ANYTHING CONCERNING THE ELECTION, GET IN TOUCH WITH UNION HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY. TELEPHONE ATLANTIC 3773 OR GO TO 225 SOUTH THIRD ST. ASK FOR A UNION OFFICIAL. THEY WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU.

21. If you are in any doubt as to where to mark the ballot in order to vote for Local 574, ask the election supervisor. He will tell you.

22. DO NOT FAIL TO TURN OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR LOCAL 574.

'Fixing' Will Be Prevented

Union Takes Steps Against Fraud

Information has reached the union of attempts by the bosses to frame up the elections in such a way as to beat the union unfairly since they know that in a fair election the union is bound to win. Immediate steps are being taken by the union to head off this latest swindle of the unscrupulous employers.

According to the arrangements for the election made by the Regional Labor Board, every boss is required to send in to that Board the names of all men on the payroll on July 16, 1934. Only such men are entitled to vote in the elections Tuesday. The boss is also supposed to give every man on that list a registration card which the worker brings with him to the polls and which he is there to exchange for a ballot.

It has now been discovered that the bosses are adding on to the payroll list of July 16 men who were never on the list at that time. They are also adding the names of salesmen and office workers whom they will not admit have a right to join a union but whom they are now ringing in on an election that is supposed to be for truck drivers, helpers, platform workers and market inside workers only.

Furthermore, cases are known in which the lists gotten up by the bosses do not include all the names of those workers who legitimately should be on it.

At this time the Organizer is not in a position to reveal the source of its information or the names of the firms involved because some workers might be in danger of losing their jobs.

What is essential, however, is that all workers who have any information or suspicions concerning such practices in their place of work get in touch with the union immediately. The best thing would be for all union men in each shop to get together and select a committee to draw up a list of those you know belong on the July 16 payroll list. Turn this in to the union and we will then take steps to make sure that the boss does not get away either with padding the list or omitting those who have a right to vote.

If on Tuesday morning the boss refuses to give a registration card to any worker who is entitled to one, a report should be made to Union officials at once and steps will be taken to force the employer to live up to his agreement.

The union has not let the bosses get away with anything before and it does not intend to begin being fooled now. It will take all steps necessary, including publication of the names of the vote-framing bosses, unless these practices are immediately abandoned and all lists rectified.

The office of the union at 225 South 3rd St. will be open all day and evening Saturday and all day Sunday to receive information concerning this matter. If you have any information about phony lists, or if you have a complete corrected list gotten up by the workers in your firm, bring it in to the union and turn over to the official on duty.

Boos Bombard "Buzz" Bainbridge And Bloody Mike at Baseball Game

Here is a story not one word of which any of the prostitute boss press will print.

Yesterday was Donie Bush Appreciation Day at the ball field. The manager of the Millers was to be "appreciated" by the fans and to receive a batch of gifts from his admirers. The place was packed with 6,000 spectators ready to applaud Bush.

The master of ceremonies was Bunny Rathbun. He addressed the crowd for a moment or two and then introduced the man scheduled to present the gifts. The man turned out to be none other than Buzz Bainbridge, Hizzoner the Mayor. Buzz managed to get on his feet and then the crowd let out a tremendous howl. "Take him away!" "Throw him out!" "Shut up, you fink!" A bombardment of boos and catcalls fell upon Hizzoner the much-absent Mayor.

Bainbridge collapsed in his seat. The master of ceremonies, a bright fellow if ever there was one, thereupon announced that the man he had just introduced to speak had decided not to speak because he had a bad throat.

But a substitute could be provided. And who did the master of ceremonies announce for a substitute? None other than the Chief of Police, whom he called Mr. Johannes but who is better known to the citizens of Minneapolis as Bloody Mike.

Bloody Mike rose unblushingly to his flat feet and opened his fat face.

Now a clamor broke loose which made the welcome to Buzz seem mild in comparison.

"Out with the rat!"

"Turn a machine gun on him!"

"Throw him out of the park!"

"Don't turn your back, Donie, he'll shoot you!"

Bloody Mike, red in the face and trembling, fell back into his seat. He too had a bad throat, or feared he might get one from ear to ear.

Quite a dent was put in the ceremony, but eventually all the gifts were presented by the Master of Ceremonies and other functionaries.

All this, of course, was quite appropriate. It was Appreciation Day for Donie Bush and incidentally Buzz and Bloody Mike got a little of the appreciation they deserve.

At the end the two murderous rats slunk out of the ball park. They were glad to get away with whole skins.

Thus they learn what the workers and the overwhelming majority of our citizens think of them. And this goes for all their associates, backers, supporters and apologists. These tools of the Citizens Alliance are through in Minneapolis public life and Local 574, along with the rest of the trade union movement, is going to see to it that they stay through.

The day has gone by when union labor can be murderously assaulted with impunity. We are a force in this town to be reckoned with and the man who fails to do so invites himself to obscurity or worse.

With the thousands of citizens who spoke up yesterday, Local 574 says:

"Out with the rats!"

Vote for Local 574 on Tuesday

574's Struggle Has Great Significance for U.S. Labor

By Herbert Solow

Special Correspondent of the New York "Nation"

The bosses against whom Local 574 struck do not run their own business. Everybody knows they have to take orders from the banks. And everybody knows that the banks give their orders through the Citizens Alliance.

The Citizens Alliance, a gang of high financiers or highbinders, ran the so-called Employers Advisory Committee. This committee swore up and down that there were two things it would never do.

It swore it would never put back to work 574's militant pickets who had been charged with violence. The idea was to get rid of all good union men and to scare off the boys from peaceful picketing.

The bosses also swore that they would never make any kind of settlement with 574 as long as it was headed by the present leaders. (At the same time, they charged that it was the leaders of 574—Bill Brown, the Dunne brothers, Farrell Dobbs and Carl Skoglund—who did not want a settlement but wanted a permanent strike and an armed uprising in Minneapolis.)

But the Citizens Alliance backed down. The union put up a rip-roaring fight for more than five weeks. In the end it was bleeding from many wounds. It could not get the other unions out on a 48-hour general demonstration strike which alone would have enabled 574 to battle on for a longer period.

But the bosses were groggy too. Some of the little fellows were on the point of passing out altogether. So they had to violate their oaths. They had to deal with the leaders of 574, to reach a settlement with the union, to agree to take back every man regardless of the framed charges against him.

It had to give in on the question of the union's right to represent the market inside workers, one of the basic issues of the strike. And they had to agree to a wage scale which, while not high enough, does assure a fixed minimum.

The backdown of the Citizens Alliance is the first real blow delivered to it in years. It is the opening gun in a campaign to make Minneapolis a union town and to smash this open shop ring of tyrants.

This is the victory which 574 has won and every member of 574 has reason to be proud of himself for having helped win it. Similarly, every union man and worker in town has reason to be grateful to 574 and to be glad he backed it in the fight.

A Nationwide Reaction
But the strike which has just ended has an even more profound significance than this. It has meaning for the workers of the entire country.

The workers sensed this meaning, too. We can tell that by the fact that labor papers (as well as boss papers) throughout the land printed so much about the strike. We can tell it by the fact that resolutions of support were adopted by locals, by Central Labor Unions, by all sorts of workers' organizations from coast to coast.

And we can tell it by the fact that when 574 asked financial aid, it got it not only from the Minneapolis and Minnesota brothers, but from workers' organizations in New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, and other regions. The cooks, waiters and bartenders International, whose Convention delegates had the luck to see 574 in action, gave \$1,000, a sum built of the pennies of workers in every state and city in the country.

This was because 574's strike meant something real to all these workers.

Why was that?

The Rights of Unionism
In the first place, because it was a fight for the right of independent unionism. The trade union movement is about 125 years old. In some countries, like Italy and Germany, it reached great heights only to be destroyed by bloody reactionaries, Mussolini and Hitler. The workers in these countries are today ground down, exploited, oppressed, because they do not have independent unions. They are corralled in government-controlled unions which are of, by and for the boss.

In this country the bosses do not have the nerve to suggest that our unions be outlawed and Hit-

lerite unions substituted. But they do try a somewhat similar stunt, of swindling the workers out of their right to independent unionism and substituting what they call "employe representation" or a "company union." This is, in the end, just as bad for the workers as if they had no union at all. Indeed, it means they have no union.

And that is what the bosses are trying to put over in all American industries today. That is what they would like in the Minneapolis trucking industry. That is what they were working toward when they tried to tell the members of 574 who could and who could not belong to the union, who could and who could not be a union official.

That's what the "Red scare" was all about. The bosses wanted the union to get rid of its present leaders because they could not bluff, buy or frighten these leaders. They wanted to deprive the union of its independence by putting in spineless or corrupt leaders who would do their bidding and tie the hands of the fighting rank and file.

They thought that if they slandered the leaders they could get the rank and file to desert them. They thought if they accused the leaders of being Reds they could split up the union.

That is why Bloody Johannes arrested two Trotskyite editors in the first week of the strike and tried to tell the workers that the issue was not the union and wages, but the political views of these two men from New York.

The Citizens Alliance got help from the kept press and certain "labor leaders" in putting over this "Red scare."

But they got no suckers. The rank and file, and the leaders of 574, despite the fact that among both of these there are many nationalities, races, creeds and political views, stuck together in a united block. And that block fought for independent unions.

This is one profoundly significant fact about the fight: what was being fought for. This is why 574 said, and the Central Labor Union said, and every worker said that the strike was a battle for the interests of the whole trade union movement. It was a fight for the very right of independent unionism free from the control of the bosses or anybody except the workers themselves.

The Method of Fighting
And the other profoundly significant fact which moved the workers of the whole country and won their backing, is the way in which 574 fought.

Some people have said that American workers won't fight. That each one is brave enough himself to stand up against some personal enemy, but that when it comes to fighting the highly organized bosses (and the NRA has enabled the bosses to organize better than they ever did before), the American workers just won't go through with it.

Local 574 has given the answer to that charge. It has pointed the road, it has established a glorious tradition.

It went out and fought bosses. It fought the Citizens Alliance, a powerful, rich, well-organized gang of oppressors. It fought the kept press and the kept radio. It fought scabs and thugs. It fought Bloody Johannes and the city administration, who attacked with guns unarmed, peaceful pickets.

It fought defiantly against Governor Olson's troops who were breaking the strike. Why, the spirit shown that famous Tuesday night on the Parade, and the actions the following day which tied up trucking despite 2,500 well-armed soldiers, can be compared without shame to the boldest and bravest fights ever staged by workers anywhere.

Last but not least, Local 574 fought in that memorable meeting with Messrs. Haas and Dunnigan,

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Norris to Address MCCW

"Unemployment and the Thirty-Hour Week," will be the subject of discussion at a special open meeting of the East Franklin branch of the MCCW, to be held at 1500 East Franklin Ave. Monday at 8 p. m.

The speaker will be W. W. Norris, former state secretary of the Socialist Party, and now active in workers' educational work. His speech will be followed by questions and discussions from the audience. Admission will be free and all workers are urged to attend.

On Tuesday evening, Brother Norris is to speak under the auspices of the South branch, 4201 Cedar Avenue. His subject will be, "How ERA Workers Can Help Themselves."

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where the Federal mediators tried to put over on the Strike Committee of 100 a swindle cooked up by the Citizens Alliance.

Local 574 never stopped fighting. It went up against overwhelming odds and took blow after blow. It sunk its teeth into the enemy and it just hung on until the enemy howled. It taught a lesson of struggle that is an inspiration to workers throughout the country.

There are a thousand evidences of this. The fact that at the State Federation of Labor Convention in International Falls, the most popular delegates by far were Bill Brown and Mick Dunne of 574, is just one. Others are the shower of congratulations of the Labor Review, farmers and workers throughout the state, and organizations beyond Minnesota's borders are others.

This then was the national significance of the great five-weeks drivers, helpers, platform and inside workers fight: it was a battle for the basic rights of independent unionism, and it was fought heroically against terrible odds.

It would have been a historic fight even if it had ended in a retreat. But it ended with gains for the union and thus its value is doubled.

On the pages of American labor history, Local 574, the men who led it in battle and the men who stood steadfast and heroically in the ranks, have written a story which time will never dim.

Local 574 may, with all modesty, regard itself as the flower of the American trade union movement. It has a glorious past. Let it stand by its policies of independence, union democracy and militant fight, and its future will be still more glorious.

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The members of Local 574 will meet in a very important closed meeting Monday night in Eagles hall, 4th Ave. and South 8th St., at 8 p. m.

This meeting has been called for the sole purpose of explaining the elections which will take place Tuesday. Sample ballots will be shown at this time and every union member will get last minute instructions on the method of conducting the elections, on his rights as a voter in these elections, and as to how to approach his fellow-workers on the job early Tuesday and get them to vote for the union.

President Bill Brown, Mick and Ray Dunne of the Organizing Committee, and Farrell Dobbs, editor of the Organizer, will be among the speakers.

The union appeals to all members to appear at this meeting as it is of crucial importance. We won our fight on the picket line; now let us win the second part of it at the ballot box. All out Monday night to Eagles hall!

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Strike Wave Booms Again

Workers Fighting All Over U. S.

With the threat of a general strike of 800,000 textile workers hanging over their heads, employers all over the nation are moving very cautiously and carefully. The ground beneath their feet quakes and rolls under the impact of the fall strike wave.

In all their struggles, the outcome of 574's historic battle has its influence. It teaches the workers that a real fight can win something and it inspires them to battle.

The bosses, Andy Mellon & Co., of the Aluminum trust, have taken a leaf from our own Citizens Alliance, and rejected a federal government plan to end the 14-day strike of all workers in the Aluminum Co. of America. Union A. F. of L. leaders had accepted the proposed settlement, which in truth was a fake settlement, without even presenting it to the rank and file. In Arnold, Pa., Police Chief Hill, emulating Murderer Mike, has purchased a supply of tear gas bombs and other weapons, warning the Union against halting any cars which attempt to enter the plant.

In Passaic, N. J., a strike of painters working on the interior of the new postoffice is on. The Union charges that the company is employing outside scabs to work on the project.

In Whiting, Ind., a building trades strike at the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Co. threatens in protest against unbearable conditions and starvation wages.

After a three-weeks struggle, 8,000 pecan shellers of San Antonio, Texas, are back on the job, having won a 100% increase in wages after a militant battle.

Two hundred fifty shoe workers in Lynn, Mass., voted unanimously to continue their strike as reactionary A. F. of L. leaders tried to put over a sellout agreement on Thursday.

In Baltimore, 20 workers picketing the offices of the Emergency Relief Commission in protest of relief cuts, have been arrested. In Scranton, Pa., 1,500 unemployed who came to present their demands at the relief department were attacked by a hundred cops armed with riot clubs. The strike of 800 relief workers in Decatur, Ill., continues solid today as employed workers in the shops declared their support and discussed strike votes in sympathy with the unemployed. Demands of the unemployed are:

1. 120 hours work a month at 65c an hour, \$1 an hour for skilled workers.
2. Recognition of all grievance committees.
3. 50% increase in direct relief, no yellow dog contracts, the right to trade in any store.

The general bathrobe strike in New York continues to spread as workers in Staten Island, Red Bank, Atlantic Island, and South Norwalk, Conn., have completely paralyzed the robe industry.

Demanding a return to the 1929 wage scale, members of the Amalgamated Association of Electric Railway Employees, in Cleveland, voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike on the Lake Shore road unless their demands are immediately granted by the company.

Demanding union recognition and wage increases, 350 construction workers struck Thursday on the tunnel work at the approach to the Delaware River Bridge in Camden, N. J.

That arch-hypocrite, former Gov. Kohler, has denied the striking Union's charges that his company is training a private army of 600 men, equipped with rifles, steel helmets and machine guns for early use against the mass picket lines established by the strikers in Kohler village. But we believe our brothers!

Union No. 574 sends greetings and pledges its solidarity with our striking brothers everywhere, as they carry on the heroic struggle against the common enemy.

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Sample of Ballot for Tuesday

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Mark X

I vote for Local Union No. 574

I favor the Committee, named below, to represent me in negotiations with my employer relative to wages, hours and other conditions of employment:

JOHN BROWN
SAM SMITH
TOM HARRIS

Mark X

I vote for the above Committee

EVERY WORKING MAN VOTES HERE

News and Views

We never knew that Brother Alquist was an orator but he proved it at the Parade last night.

The Organizer is proud of itself. During the strike as high as \$5 was paid for one issue and now even that the strike is over, one friend paid 50 cents for a copy at the Parade last night.

Severson had orange sleeves last night. He is well known to like oranges in cases—but in sleeves?

Mrs. Bessie Solkovits was actively aiding Mrs. Carle in the Commissary down to the very last minute. These girls did a fine job.

O. O. O. Bove wants to know if Taylor wants to razzle.

Carl Sandell's first job was right after the settlement. He pulled a load to Chi. And when he parked at a dock there a bunch of Chi union drivers saw his button and slapped him all over the back. They told him they admire our fight and wish they could have been in it.

The Walkathon boys made a donation to the union just before the end of the strike.

Polk Co., Wis., also sent in a late donation of food. Late but welcome.

Don't fail to turn up at the membership meeting Monday night at Eagles hall.

And don't go getting all dressed up tonight. You know the dance, much to the disappointment of George Hanson who had lined up such a fine program, had to be postponed because of election activities.

The last meal served in the Commissary was one of the best: T-bone steak from a beef brought from north of Duluth by the fa-

mous Big Bob-Moas-Hegblom scouting caravan.

And don't forget, you 574 members: voting for the union is no monopoly. Get every no-bill to vote for us too. Tomorrow he'll be a good 574 man.

Make Minneapolis a union town!

Let's all get together, union and non-union, and put Local No. 574 across in a big way. Then Local 574 will take everybody in and get better wages and conditions and real security for everybody.

Brother Elmer Crowl, who was hurt in an accident July 20, was just told by the doctor that he could do no heavy work for nine months or a year. Because of an injury he must wear a steel corset for at least that period. Tough, Elmer.

Brother Schultz journeyed up to International Falls to pay a little outstanding debt.

The most popular name at the State Convention, it seems, was Johnson. Before things were finished even Bill Brown was taken for a Johnson.

Lew Shores slept in the back room of the Packard sedan at the Falls.

Wanted by the Reporter: Transportation to Milwaukee, any time between Tuesday and Friday of next week.

All union men should urge all non-union men to get right and vote for Local No. 574. This is their chance to wipe out the past and go along with the boys.

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Since we announced that the end of the daily Organizer will be at hand with the elections, we have received many friendly compliments and requests to keep going. Sorry, but perhaps you will like us as a weekly just as well.

If the boss tries to get you to vote for some fake list he is getting up, don't argue with him. Just take your registration card, go to the polls Tuesday, and vote for 574. The boss will never know what hit him.

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Duluth Workers Send Word

The following letter has been received from the State Employees' Union of Duluth:

August 19, 1934
Recognizing that the strike of the General Drivers, Helpers, Petroleum and Inside Workers Union, Local 574 of Minneapolis is a fight not only in the interest of those directly participating, but one which involves the issue of unionism against open shop and thus vitally concerns every labor organization and every labor conscious person in the State of Minnesota and the United States.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we endorse this strike and notify Local 574 of Minneapolis that District No. 2 of the Minnesota State Employee's Association of Duluth offers them their wholehearted and moral support and financial assistance to the best of their ability, hopeful of their success in this strike.

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What the Elections Mean—

In two great strikes that aroused the admiration of the whole American working class, the drivers, helpers and inside workers of Minneapolis fought the battle of unionism and won it both times. All the forces that our enemies were able to bring to bear against our union were not strong enough to break it. Local 574 is alive, and stronger than ever. And it will still be alive and strong no matter what the outcome of Tuesday's election may be.

Unions are not made in elections. They are built and tempered in struggle. Only by the test of struggle is it possible to know whether an organization is a union in the true sense of the word or a house of cards. Our union has passed that test. The workers stuck to it under fire. The elections, after that demonstration, are only a formality.

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But they are a very important formality. They are to determine, not whether we are to have a union or not—that has already been settled—but whether the employers are to recognize the union and deal with it directly as the representative of the workers. The employers stand obligated, by the conditions of the settlement which they signed, to recognize and deal with the union if it gets a majority in the elections.

Since Local 574 has the support of the great majority of the workers involved—and the bosses always knew it—the agreement to recognize the union after the election, if it gets the majority, was for them only a graceful way out of an impossible position. But they still nourish a hope that the union men will go to sleep and neglect to get out their full voting strength, or that some trick or swindle can yet be put over.

We have to blast this hope by showing that Local 574 and its members can pay just as close attention to little things as to big ones; that they can organize themselves for the election as well as they organized themselves for the strike. This job has got to be attended to in every detail. The officials of the union will do their part in assembling full information and providing the members with detailed explanations. But that alone is not enough. The great problem is to arouse the whole membership to participate in the elections, and in the preparations for them. The union is bound to win if the members are on their toes and hustling right up till the elections are finished.

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All our activity in the next three days must be concentrated on this task. See that every member of the union votes early. See that every worker outside the union who wants to get right is given a chance and a full explanation of what is involved. Talk to the workers on the job. Visit them in their homes. Convince them that a vote for Local 574 is a vote for their own immediate interest.

That is the heart of the matter, and it shouldn't be forgotten for a moment. As soon as the elections are finished, and Local 574 has received the formal mandate to represent the workers, the union will immediately open negotiations for wage increases and file a schedule of demands. If prompt agreement is not reached with the employers the union will name its representatives to the board of arbitration and call on the employers to do the same, as provided in the settlement. The union means to get definite wage increases, and to get them without one day's unnecessary delay. A vote for 574 is a vote for more wages.

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The bigger the vote for the union, the stronger will be its authority in pressing for wage increases and in coming to the defense of individual workers in case of any disputes or grievances which may arise. A sweeping victory in the elections, on top of the strength and endurance it showed in the strikes, will put Local 574 in an invincible position. It will improve the status of every individual member of the union. The knowledge that he has a strong union back of him will give every worker more courage, more independence, more ambition to improve his conditions in life and get a little more for his family.

Organization is the road to a better life for all of us. We have fought and bled for our organization. Let us not fail to vote for it, and to get others to vote for it. The great slogans of the day are still the same:

Vote for Local 574!

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Boss Gunch Assures Us Bosses All Love The Dear Workers

By Sob Sister

This morning *The Organizer's* "sob sister" jumped out of bed, whipped on her long underwear, donned her most fetching gown, stuck a handful of pencils behind her left ear, jumped on her kiddy-kar, and coasted down Lowry Hill to the office of Mr. Joe Gunch, a member of the Employers Advisory Committee. Following is the conversation which took place in Mr. Gunch's offices:

Gunch: Why hello, girlie, come right over here and squat on daddy's knee. So *The Organizer* is at last showing a little sense. Want Old Man Gunch to tell 'em what to do next Tuesday? All right. Just tell 'em for me that after a thorough study of the situation, I have arrived at the conclusion that they can't do better than to vote for the employers' slate. The employer is the best friend the workin' man's got. Who feeds the worker when he's hungry? Who sends him flowers when he's sick? The employer, girlie; the boss! Who puts his heel on the neck of the work—oh, just cross out that last part, missie.

S. S.: Now, Gunchie, old man, just keep your hands to yourself. Are you employers pulling any rough stuff on your workers now so as to make them vote against the Union?

Gunch: I should say not! Aside from calling our men together twice a day for little recreational activities, and slightly discussing the election, issuing a few warnings as to what will happen to this town if the Union wins, and so on, us bosses are leaving the hands of the workers entirely free.

S. S.: Gunch, do you honestly believe that, considering past performances, the employer is entitled to believe that a worker should vote against the Union?

Gunch: Sure, of course. My goodness, yes. Ain't we always done right by the boys? Most of them are still alive, ain't they? What do they want, anyhow? Do they think money grows on trees? Life ain't a bowl o' cherries, you know. It's only right, ain't it, that us capitalists should go right on capitalizin', and that the workers should go right on working? That's fair enough for old John Rockefeller, and by gosh, it's fair enough for Honest Joe Gunch. And for the workers here in Minneapolis. What more do they want? Say, kiddo, how about you and me dashing out for a bite to eat? Let's go out and kick our heels up. I know a swell little roadhouse out on Excelsior boulevard—

S. S.: We'll skip that too, Gunchie. I gotta scam now, but I'll tell the boys how you feel about things. Say, you better wipe the egg off your chin before you go out.

6,000 Mass at Parade Rally

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workers in the Northwest. Our fight has not only aided organization work in Minneapolis and the state, but even down in Iowa it has had its repercussions.

"Can you workers vote for the Employers Advisory Committee after they voted and spent money to shoot down our fellow workers?" asked Brown.

Shouts of "Hell, NO!" greeted the question.

"Great employers we have in this city," went on Brown, "always ready to give a worker \$10 in wages—and \$15 in advice." yourself!"

Excerpts from the speech of Miles Dunne, the next speaker, are as follows:

"Why are strikes and lockouts sweeping the country? Is it that, instead of prosperity, the workers in America are fighting for their rights? . . . Under the Democratic New Deal, a concerted effort is being made by the employers and the government to force down the wages and living standards of all workers. . . We workers must band together to fight back against this vicious drive, to keep ourselves off the bread lines. . . Many workers in the market were drawing less than \$14.50 for a 70-hour week. Now this is not a living



"Come on in out of the rain, boys!"

The Workers' Voice

Dear Editor:

Today's *Tribune* (Friday) says that the use of troops in the strike cost the taxpayers \$400,000. They analyze this cost and give comparisons such as that this "would pay all the government costs in Cook, Kanabec and Mahanomen counties for two years."

The idea of all this is to get the farmers sore. The *Tribune* wants to get the farmers away from Olson, whom so many of them admired and have them vote for the *Tribune's* candidate. They liked the old Republican-Democratic back-and-forth see-saw, and as far as I am concerned it was not much worse than a see-saw in which one of the sides is represented by a scab. But this is their purpose, not a genuine concern for the interests of the farmers of Cook, Kanabec or Mahanomen counties.

They don't give a damn about those farmers and the farmers know it. The *Tribune* has no more influence among them than it has among the workers of Minneapolis. Most of the farmers have never looked at it, and hundreds of workers have stopped looking at it since it threw itself heart-and-soul into trying to break 574's strike. I wish the *Organizer* could drive the filthy thing out of business altogether.

What the *Tribune* wants in the long run is to drive a wedge between the farmer and the laboring man. They don't like what happened between the farmer and the laboring man in this strike we had. They don't like it even when these two classes get together simply in name, as in the F-L Party. But when they get together in fact they simply hate it.

In the May strike there was some friction between the farmers and the laboring men and there is no use denying it. The farmers had just gotten out their spring vegetables and it was the first chance to make a bit of cash after a devil of a time all winter. Then comes the strike and you're not allowed to move trucks and many farmers got sore losing quite a few pennies.

But in this second strike that friction was all worked out. The idea of the farmers moving trucks to bring their own stuff for retail sale, and setting up their own market was a fine one. As one who was a farmer for many years before moving to Minneapolis and joining a union, I want to say that when I saw signs on farmers'

wage for a man and his family. . .

"The Citizens Alliance has stated time and again that foreign agitators came in here to incite the workers to fight, to stir up trouble. How illogical this charge is! If the workers were so satisfied with their conditions, could any power on earth have induced them to put up the militant fight which they did?"

Emil Youngdahl, the last speaker, warned the workers not to be deluded by the tricks of the employers in the coming election.

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trucks that they were moving by the permission of the Strike Committee and of the Farm Holiday, I felt fine. And then the farmers, especially the Holiday in Pine and Isanti Counties and Polk, Wis., sending truckloads of food was a great thing too.

This was the farmer and laboring man coming together in doing things and not just in the name of a party and this is what counts, doing things.

And this is what got the *Tribune's* goat. They want to split us up by making the farmer think it's the union's fault that these troops came here and all that money was spent which has to come out of the farmer's pocket. Well, it'll come from the farmer and worker, all right; you may be sure the bosses won't come across any more than they have to.

But the idea that it is the union's fault, that is the dirtiest part of the whole filthy *Tribune*. The union did not ask for troops. It asked Olson to keep them out. When he brought them in, the union protested and wanted them out. It fought martial law from the drop of the hat, and this can be proven by the *Organizer* numbers, because the union saw that National Guards (with Citizens Alliance officers) will never aid a strike.

I don't know what Olson thought when he brought his troops in, but what he did was to give the strike plenty of hard raps and it's a wonder it held up against them. Until they came, the town was tied up and nothing moved except farmers' trucks with the permits on of which I spoke. After the troops came almost everything moved almost all the time, stopping only when the union was able to scare Olson into stopping them now and then.

So far from being the union's fault, it was none of their fault that the troops came in and the farmers of Pine and Isanti (who also hate to pay taxes, I am proud to say) always knew this and still know it and they will not be fooled into switching from their union friends to the prostitute *Tribune*.

Of course, if they mean that if 574 had never struck, there would never have been troops, yes, maybe that is true. But then there would have been a funeral for hundreds of workers who were being starved by the bosses while the farmers could not sell their food.

The strike came out well in the end. There is a union and it must win the elections and then get always better terms for the union members. Then the laboring man will have a few dollars for food and spring vegetables and the farmers will have a few dollars. This is more important than the taxes in Cook County.

And this is what the *Tribune* is afraid of, that the farmers and laboring men are finding out that their interests are the same in the end, and that the thing to do about it is not to sing songs but go out and fight it out on the picket line the first reasonable chance they get.

—Arthur Hall.