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STRUTWEAR PLANT REOPENS

SASH WORKERS HOLD A RALLY IN 574 HALLS

Over 350 Mill Workers Attend Organization Meeting

Industrial Union Will Be Formed in Sash, Door Mills

Sash, Door and Mill Workers of Minneapolis gathered Friday night at General Drivers Hall in what was perhaps the largest meeting that has ever been held by workers in that industry.

When the meeting opened fully 350 sash, door and mill workers were seated in the hall. Hand bills had been distributed, during the week, at all of the sash and door factories. The hand bills informed the workers where and when the meeting was to be held and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to found a strong industrial union of wood workers in all Minneapolis plants. The turnout at this meeting was encouraging for those who have spent time and energy in attempting to form a union in the sash and door mills.

The meeting was opened by the president of the union who, after he had stated the purpose of the meeting and under whose auspices it was held, introduced first speaker of the evening, Rubin Latz, president Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union 18005-183. Latz told of the struggle his union had made to establish an organization in the laundry industry. He cited the aid that had been given them by Local 574.

The next speaker was John Janasco, President Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859. Janasco recited to the assembled workers the struggle his organization had just come through and told them of the effectiveness of the sit-down strike that Local No. 574 had won.

574 Members Are Fired at Mankato

In Mankato, reactionary and labor hating petty officials of the local WPA project No. 1859 discharged, without cause or reason, 16 militant members of the union of WPA workers relief clients. This union, which was organized under the supervision of Local 574, has taken an active part in fighting the battles of WPA workers in that city.

The excuse given for the discharge of these union men on the project was to make up time lost during the month. The 16 dischargee refused to make up lost time, but they did refuse to work Saturday basing their refusal on the information contained in a bulletin, issued by WPA which states that no allowance will be made in any manner for time worked Saturdays or holidays.

It is obvious that the discharge of these 16 workers is an attempt to intimidate and terrorize members of Local 574 in Mankato.

A committee called upon Mr. Sassman of the WPA office Saturday morning demanding the reinstatement of the discharged workers. So far Sassman has refused to act. An affidavit signed by the 16 workers has been mailed to Grant Dunne in Washington where he will take up the case directly with national WPA officials.

Oil Union Solves Leasing Problem

By a new agreement between oil companies and the locals of clerks and teamsters in Butte the filling station racket by which the companies evaded union conditions through leasing to irresponsibles is stopped.

No one may hereafter lease a filling station unless he is financially able to pay the union scale of \$30.20 per 48 hour week to service men and \$36.30 to greasers who come under the teamsters' agreement. Only one apprentice is allowed at each station and he must be under 21.

Drivers Will Dance Saturday To Music of Local 574's Band

Saturday, April 11, in General Drivers Auditorium will be held the first of a series of dances sponsored by the newly-organized Local 574 Dance Band. This eight-piece dance orchestra, under the leadership of Dick Atherton, has proved itself to be a splendid musical organization. In addition to playing for Local 574 they are all members of the Musicians Union.

Every member of the union should turn out for this affair. The band has donated its services, free of charge, to several mass meetings that the union has held. It is only fair that the members of the union should, in turn, support the orchestra. Tickets are 25 cents. Checking is free and a splendid time is assured everyone who turns out for this occasion.

Let's greet the new band April 11.

The WPA Paymaster



Local Relief Clients Starve When Food and Coal Is Stolen from Them

Once again it has been demonstrated that while relief clients starve, freeze and go without proper clothing, due to a deliberate policy on the part of government agencies, they not only suffer at the hands of the Federal Government but they are robbed and defrauded by minor hirelings in the local relief offices.

While the minor officials are exploited, in the matter of wages and hours, they in turn are forced to more cruelly exploit the relief clients who, in theory at least, are supposed to be their charges. Made cynical and hard by the human suffering that they are daily faced with, they become immune to the plight of their fellow humans. Their job, daily, calls upon them to rob and defraud, in the name of the government, the relief clients with whom they deal. It is a short step from defrauding in the name of the relief agencies to robbing in their own behalf. They have had a good teacher and many of them have profited by the schooling they have acquired.

Those who have suffered at the hands of these people, been defrauded, robbed and outraged, raise a cry that these individuals should be brought to justice. But sending them to prison solves nothing. It would seem that those who are directly responsible for causing the already suffering victim of circumstances to suffer still more are guilty of a most heinous crime. But in estimating their guilt or innocence, account must be taken of where they first learned to steal. The school of crime that they attended was the very office in which they were employed.

It is due to a perverted policy on the part of those agencies in charge of relief that the relief investigators and minor officials in relief offices were taught to withhold from the relief client and steal from him the things that were his by right. There is nothing strange about an investigator stealing a ton of coal, worth ten dollars, when his superiors have instructed him to steal tens of thousands of dollars in relief that has been withheld. We agree that the guilty should be punished for their crimes. If that is true then let us indict the federal relief agencies who, after all, are the real criminals.

LENGTHY FIGHT COMES TO END AT STRUTWEAR

Mrs. Struthers Agrees to Recognize the Union Committee

Workers Will Return to Plant as "Operations Permit"

The long drawn out strike at the Strutwear Hosiery Mill has finally come to a conclusion. The strike called by the Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers Union against the labor-hating management of the Strutwear Company came to an end Saturday, April 4.

The basis of the settlement was a letter written by Mrs. Struthers, majority stockholder of the Strutwear Co. and bitter union foe, addressed to the Hosiery Workers Union. This letter, which set forth the terms under which the Strutwear Company was willing to open their plant, was accepted by the union, with a secret ballot. The terms of settlement, from the union viewpoint, leave much to be desired.

Probably the only real gain that was made was that the Strutwear management agreed to recognize the Hosiery Workers Union. The settlement provides that the employees on payroll record as of August 15 will be returned to work immediately after April 6 providing that the operation of the plant is such that a full crew can be used. In event there is not sufficient work for all it is

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Rural Protest Meet Hit by Union Men

A protest meeting staged by embattled rural Hennepin County Farmers last week over the alleged discrimination being shown them by state WPA officials in the matter of hiring their trucks proved to be something of a dud. Held at Smith's tavern on the Corcoran road, the farmers found their attempted action blocked. Friends and sympathizers of Local 574 who were present at the meeting vigorously opposed a resolution attempting to put Local 574 on the spot. Kruger and Palmer were the heroes.

Hearst Unfair

For the benefit of the striking Newspaper Guild members in Milwaukee, who are now fighting the Hearst owned Wisconsin News, we advise all members of organized labor, friends and sympathizers, that all Hearst papers and publications produced in the U. S. are unfair to the organized newspaper workers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Two Fargo Workers Found Guilty As They Face Hostile Cass Court

Confirming the brief dispatch which was received by this office last week shortly before going to press comes news from Fargo, N. D., confirming the report of the conviction of Austin Swalde and William Cruden on the charge of "resisting an officer in the performance of his duty."

District Attorney Bergeson, frantic with fear that these two brave militant fighters for the cause of unionism would escape from his clutches, caused the new charge against Cruden and Swalde to be brought against them out of a clear sky. Cruden and Swalde were defended by Charles Bangert of Enderlin, N. D. Despite the fact that Bangert made a good defense of the two defendants' cases, they were accorded the usual "Cass County Justice."

The jury trial consumed a full week. The defendants, knowing how jury panels are selected in the home of North Dakota reaction, were never hopeful of acquittal. True to form, Bergeson's hand picked jury brought in the verdict that is always rendered in a Cass County labor case, guilty.

Judge Paulson, who presided at the trial, postponed sentence until Monday, April 6th. Bail for the convicted labor leaders was set at \$500 each, which was immediately raised.

So another black chapter has been written in history of Cass County reaction. Bergeson has performed another foul deed for his masters, the Fargo employers. Feeling is running high in Fargo labor circles against the labor hating clerk in charge of Cass County courts.

A real determined protest should be staged to show labor's resentment against the outrage of their rights. In any event the cases of Cruden and Swalde will be appealed to a higher court.

Murphy Drivers Are For Midway Meeting

The Sunday morning meeting of the Murphy drivers, helpers, was the usual spirited, enthusiastic gathering that these thorough going union men stage. Considerable time at the meeting was devoted to discussing the action that should be taken in preparing the Midway drivers for the Tuesday night mass meeting at the German-American Hall, 444 Rice Street, St. Paul.

It was decided to defer to election of a new shop committee until after the Leonard Farr discrimination case has been disposed of. G. Frosig, T. Rogers, and M. Dunne presided at the meeting.

'Dollar-a-Day' Man Dies With Fortune

Charles Claiborne, famous for his observation that "a dollar a day is enough for any working man," is dead in New Orleans at 57. Claiborne was never a working man. He inherited a tidy fortune, and at the time of his death was a vice-president of the Whitney Bank.

MEETING SCHEDULE Local No. 160, N. S. P. Co. Employees

Thursday, March 26—Executive Board.
Wednesday, April 1—Membership meeting.
Thursday, April 2—Executive board.
Wednesday, April 8—Organization Committee.
Thursday, April 9—Executive Board.
Department meetings will be held subject to call.
All meetings at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., second floor.
Members may present grievances at any of the above meetings.

Jack Stockman Dies; Loyal Union Member

With sorrow and regret we announce the death of Jack Stockman, a loyal member of Laundry Workers Union, Local 183. For the immediate support of his wife and two children the union is sponsoring a benefit dance at General Drivers Hall on Saturday, April 18. The use of the auditorium and the splendid Local 574 orchestra have been donated to us free of charge by the officers of 574. For this noble deed our union is certainly thankful.

—Executive Committee of Cleaners, Drivers and Laundry Workers, Local 18005-183

WPA Workers To Be Banished

According to the daily press a new campaign has been inaugurated by the local WPA office to banish single workers from the metropolitan district. Their previous attempt at this policy of banishment was stopped by the representatives of the Federal Workers Section before it assumed serious proportions.

Sending of Minneapolis and St. Paul workers to the forced labor camp at Cannon Falls was protested by the residents of the rural community who insisted that there were plenty of workers in their particular district to man the local project. It seems, however, that despite all protests that the WPA officials are determined to go forward with the policy of weeding out single workers who have demonstrated they have sufficient spirit to protest against intolerable conditions that prevail under the WPA set-up.

Morris Fruit Co. Seniority Adjusted

The long drawn out wrangle at the Morris Fruit Company, over seniority, has finally been adjusted to the satisfaction of the members involved and the company. This case, which has been a continual source of trouble for over two months, was finally adjusted at a meeting in the union hall, Thursday night, at which the Morris crew were present.

Harry Deboer was charged by the meeting with seeing that the decision was carried out by the company. Friday, Deboer reported that a settlement had been reached.

WPA Office Cut Off All Union Members

Big business may object to the WPA program, but around Atlantic City, N. J., employes have no kicks coming, charge representatives of Farm Laborers Union Local 19996, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Local WPA directors have compiled a blacklist of relief workers listed as "agitators, lazy, habitual shirkers" and men accused of "interfering with the work of others" found themselves dropped from WPA and unable to get jobs with private firms.

Pratt Family Growing

Albert Pratt, former member of General Drivers Union, and now an active steward in the Federal Workers Section, is the proud father of a new baby born last week. Pratt says it's going to be a member of Local 574, if and when.

LAUNDRY WORKERS ATTENTION!

April buttons are on hand. Call for them at the office.

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(Continued from page 1) provided that the work shall be "staggered" so as to give some employment to all.

Wages are to be readjusted to the point where they will conform with the wage scale in competing hosiery mills.

The real issue, however, that of the reinstatement of the eight discharged workers, has been left with the cards stacked against their return to employment in the Strutwear Mill. The letter provides that their fate shall be left in the hands of the Senior Judge of the District Court. That they will ever be placed on their old jobs is doubtful.

The settlement of the Strutwear strike is perhaps, under the circumstances, the best the union could have secured. It was almost a lost cause. Due to vacillation and hesitation on the part of the union leadership, the strike, which could have been won hands down, at one stage, had resolved itself into a long drawn out struggle where all the advantage was on the side of the employer.

The real lesson that can be learned from the Strutwear strike is that young, inexperienced and naive American workers have the courage, strength and determination to carry on an economic battle in the face of almost hopeless odds.

Whether or not the union can survive and go forward under the terms of the agreement is a matter that rests entirely in the hands of the membership of the local union. A bad contract can be changed to a good one by determined, militant action of those involved, and, conversely, a good contract will be found to provide no protection for a union organization that is not able or willing to enforce all of its provisions.

The Minneapolis labor movement should collectively take off its hats to the Strutwear strikers. They have shown that they have courage.

Yellow Notes

Watch for the Parade of New Yellow Taxis Saturday p. m., April 11th.

All Yellow Taxi drivers who wish to play baseball on the Yellow Cab team leave your name with the floorman at the garage.

Did you ever see Pat Seely going down the street with a smoke screen in front of him? That's one of those O. P. cigarets.

Did Kirkham ever tell you the one about the woman that went in the drug store?

Ole is proud of that red card he is carrying now. Ask him to show it to you.

You all know Seitzer, the heavy booker. Well, it won't be long now before it is Seitzer, the Barker.

Easter Sunday you can call Main 7171 and get a ride in one of the new limousines. You know they are all union drivers.

Believe it or not, O. B. Hanson was seen wearing a uniform cap Monday afternoon.

LaBelle Members Meet in Union Hall

The LaBelle men met at the union hall Monday, April 6. It was on the question of reinstatement of a discharged employe. The meeting was well attended.

Bill Brown Says—

Did you see the notice in the Labor Review last week: Buy your ice and coal from members of Local 221, only A. F. of L. Union. Then on the opposite side of the same page it said: Buy union ice cream. Remember that during Local 574's strike the non-union ice cream companies did everything possible to defeat the workers in Minneapolis. The non-union ice cream companies have dropped the fight, and it has been taken up by people inside the labor movement. I agree let's buy union-made ice cream, but the other notice is trying to do what the same non-union ice cream companies tried to do. Sign off, Bob.



BILL BROWN
President of 574

The Railroad Unions

I am in complete accord with the many vital facts concerning railroad labor problems as embodied in the letter addressed to "LABOR" and signed by Brother I. Nelson of Minneapolis, and which was recently published in the ORGANIZER.

The old craft principles so rigidly adhered to by our railroad brotherhoods has created a false craft loyalty and the very effective gag rules of the various brotherhoods succeed only too well in preventing the publication of such articles as that of Brother Nelson.

Our once powerful railroad "Brotherhoods" have served a very useful purpose but today we find their influence on the down grade and our Brotherhood officers nursing a well-developed WISHBONE. The rank and file is beginning to distinguish between FACTS and WISHES and as a result we find a greater majority favoring amalgamation of those crafts having similar working conditions. As an example we have the Amalgamated Locomotive Enginemen and the Amalgamated Transportation Employes deciding a merger of the two orders. Those eligible to membership in the merged organization include those employes essential to the operation of railroad trains, that means engineers, firemen, hostlers, conductors, trainmen, switchmen, switch-tenders, train dispatchers and operators.

It is expected that the next convention will be faced with the question of including as members all employes of a railroad. Industrial unions are advocated by many of our best thinking brothers and perhaps we can appreciate the truth no matter who brings it to us.

Let us have fewer labor organizations and more organized employes. Let us have union wages for union officers and then eliminate some of the parasitic salary grabbers who sit idle, twiddling their thumbs and basking in the glory of the past, while a disheartened and discouraged, disorganized membership staggers under the oppression of excessive dues and assessments, and who are securely gagged by rules that prevent an honest expression of individual opinion. The men who pay the bills have decided to act. We may expect the rapid growth of an organization of real economic strength and influence.

We might well adopt the song of those militant Vermonters of 1779:

"We owe no allegiance; we bow to no throne,
Our ruler is law, and law is our own."

It is also my belief that we must get into politics. When we speak of politics we mean "public psychology" and our first duty is to acquire numerical strength through militant and outspoken leaders. Second, we must have a program that sincerely seeks to benefit the common man.

Our country seems to be caught in the tide of a revolutionary movement that is sweeping the whole world. Must we sit idly by

Independents Met Thursday, April 2

The meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section held Thursday, April 2, was one of the best attended of the season. The meetings of this section of the union are steadily growing in size. This is a testimony to the amount of organizational work that has been done by this branch of the union.

After a thorough discussion of the various problems that confront the independent truck owner the meeting was addressed by Mr. Hagen, insurance broker. He spoke on a problem that is a very serious one for owners of motor equipment. Difficulties have been encountered by many truck owners in securing insurance on their equipment. Many cases have arisen where a case of mistaken identity has prevented deserving owners from securing insurance. Mr. Hagen's talk cleared up many disputed points about truck insurance.

It was decided at this meeting that the executive board of the Independent Truck Owners Section would meet Sunday morning, April 5.

Garbage Eating Is Problem to Police

The problem of hungry people looting the garbage cans continues to disturb the well-fed portion of New Orleans, and various proposals are solemnly advanced. Several clubs of society women have suggested a law "agin' it."

Chairman Edward Rapiere of the Assn. of Commerce health and sanitation committee agrees the police can foil garbage hunters downtown, but in the residential sections house-holders must do their part. Don't put out garbage until the collector is about to pass, he admonishes them.

The only solution not yet set forth is feeding the hungry.

Mooney Defense Hits Oxman's Testimony

"No honest man in history ever had so much to explain as you have," John Finerty, Tom Mooney, defense counsel, told former Assistant District Attorney Edward Cunha at Mooney's San Francisco habeas corpus hearings. Under blistering cross examination Cunha went to the defense of the late Frank C. Oxman, whose testimony, long exposed as perjured, was instrumental in framing Mooney.

until our fascist friends have us securely gagged and hog-tied?

Let us all pool our resources in fighting for a square deal for everybody including the 10,000,000 unemployed who still wait for miracles and manna from our self-appointed social security saviors.

I will be pleased to hear from any progressive brother that would care to exchange ideas.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,
WM. E. JONES, Secretary
Amalgamated Transportation Employees, Inc.

SASH WORKERS HOLD A RALLY IN 574 HALLS

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1859 had recently conducted at the J. R. Clark Co.

Miles Dunne, editor of the "Northwest Organizer," told the sash and door workers that their only chance for economic advancement was in the building of a powerful industrial union that took as members all workers in the various wood working factories. He proposed setting up an organization committee, composed of two representatives from every mill, who would be charged with drawing up a union agreement, for submission to the sash, door and mill owners, and the calling of a further mass meeting where the agreement would be submitted to the workers in the industry. William Brown, President of Local No. 574, then spoke. He urged the workers to join the union of the industry. Brown called for a show of hands as to who belonged to the union and who did not. As a result of the stirring speech of the President of Local No. 574 a large number of workers joined the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union.

It was decided that the organizational committee set up at the meeting would be called into session sometime during the coming week to proceed with the duties that were assigned to them. The meeting will be called by mailed notices.

On WPA Projects

Change in the rural relief set-up, which has seriously affected rural relief clients, was made March 15. At that time decentralization of the county relief set-up was effected, whereby the burden of administering relief to rural Hennepin County was transferred from the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County to the various township boards.

While in some cases this change has resulted in endless confusion for the workers affected, in other instances it has brought about some sorely needed reforms.

At St. Louis Park representatives of the Federal Workers Section have won the right to sit in meetings of the township board when matters are discussed that may affect the welfare of the relief client. This same right is being sought in other townships. Meetings are being held in various localities in rural Hennepin to urge upon local boards the wisdom of adopting the same procedure.

The rural sections of the Federal Workers Union are to be congratulated for the fight which won this concession.

The determination of state WPA officials to speed up the workers engaged on projects is demonstrated in the latest bulletin issued by the state office.

The latest manifesto deals with the amount of time WPA workers shall spend on the job. It specifies that all WPA workers, hereafter, will be compelled to work until the exact hour of quitting has arrived and after that time they will be compelled to check in their tools and equipment.

This means that for the average WPA worker, twenty minutes to half an hour's time will be donated each day. A determined protest against this senseless and vic-

Holiday Convention in Great Falls Attended by Militant Trade Unions

Of first rate importance for the workers and farmers movement of the Northwest was the Holiday Association Convention held in Great Falls, Montana Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21. To this second semi-annual conference of the Montana Holiday Association came farmers delegates from the principal agricultural countries.

Also invited and represented by delegates were the important Trade Unions of the state. Some sixty delegates in all conducted the business of the convention which covered a wide range of problems. These problems dealt in one way or another with the main question of the day confronting workers and farmers. That is, the way out of poverty and suffering. Reports from every section told of lost farms, scattered families, homeless and near homeless people.

The degrading standards of so-called relief, together with wholesale discrimination by relief officials was considered and the policy of the Holiday Association in dealing with this problem was endorsed. A resolution dealing with the seedloom menace was adopted and the Association, better organized than ever, will press for suitable terms and procedure. Especially noteworthy is the fact that for the first time in Montana the militant farm movement with the fighting Trade Unions of the state.

Great credit goes to the leaders and active members of the Holiday Association for taking the initiative to this end. Not only were the Building Trade Unions of Great Falls represented, but from across the state came a delegation from the militant Beet Workers Union at Billings. The powerful Mine, Mill and Smelter workers took an active part in the convention through a delegation from the Butte Miners Union, Local No. 1. The Miners Union presented a resolution calling for the formation of a Montana Farmer-Labor Party. Ried Robinson, President of the Butte Local spoke for its adoption. Aside from the now famous Callahan case of Redstone, dealt with in full by the Producers News, official organ of the Holiday Association, the Farmer-Labor party received the most attention of the Conference.

Vincent Dunne, Executive Board member of the Minneapolis General Drivers Local 574, gave a critical review of the Farmer-Labor question. After considerable discussion the Convention decided to participate in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party only if it rests upon and is controlled by the Trade Unions, the militant farm organizations and workers and farmers political movements.

Keen interest was displayed by the delegates in the review of the Minnesota Farmer - Labor Party experience. Militant Trade Unionism and active farm mass action, as a method of solving the problems of farmers and workers gained real impetus during these two days.

ious ruling has been launched by the Federal Workers Section.

St. Louis Park WPA workers have been highly successful, not only in building a one hundred per cent organization on the various projects in that community, but have also met success in settling grievances that have arisen. It is that where workers organizations are strong, abuses and discriminations are kept to a minimum.

Letter to Union THE PRODUCERS NEWS by the PEOPLES PUBLISHING COMPANY

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General Drivers Union, Local 574 257 Plymouth Ave. North Minneapolis, Minnesota Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I wish to thank your union for the service rendered the Holiday Association of Montana by your Vincent R. Dunne. Brother Dunne spoke on the trade union movement and the Farmer-Labor Party questions at our convention in Great Falls March 21. Clarification on such topics by an Executive Board member of your great fighting union, located as it is in a Farmer-Labor state, has greatly aided us.

I feel, with you, that the economic organization of the workers and farmers must be our first consideration. Only when they are truly mass in character with fighting policy and militant leadership will we be able to find the way politically to a solution of our problems. With best fraternal greetings, RODNEY SALISBURY President

Meter Men Meet in Geo. Phillips Home

On Sunday, April 5, the Meter Department got together at President Geo. Phillips' home to discuss various departmental matters. Both members and non-members were invited and a good meeting was held.

The matter of wage differential in the department was fully discussed and some action outlined. The union program was fully explained to the non-members present with the result that there are now some more new Local 160 members. Several of those invited to the meeting did not attend owing, no doubt, to the nice sunshine. But they, are still the losers, for as one of the fellows put it, the nice weather doesn't add anything to the pay check, but solid organization does.

Another meeting will be held soon and those non-160 will be given another chance to participate.

Former Relief Board Member Is Indicted

John T. Orr, former member of the Dallas county relief board, is among those indicted for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the Dalworthington Gardens subsistence homesteads project. The defendants are accused of submitting fictitious payrolls, using inferior lumber and buying secondhand oil field pipe for water lines.

Meeting Schedule Local 574

- Thursday, April 2—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, April 3—Federal Workers.
 - Wednesday, April 8—Market Workers
 - Friday, April 10—574 Stewards; Federal Workers.
 - Monday, April 13—Full Membership.
 - Thursday, April 16—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, April 17—Federal Workers.
 - Friday, April 24—574 Stewards; Federal Workers.
 - Monday, April 27—Full Membership.
 - Tuesday, April 28—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
- The UNION EXECUTIVE BOARD meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m.
- The FEDERAL WORKERS STEWARDS meet every Thursday at 8 p. m.

ANNOUNCING

A benefit dance for a destitute union family will be held on Saturday, April 18, at General Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. North. Music will be furnished by the Local 574 Orchestra. The orchestra consists of eight pieces and will play old time and modern tunes. Tickets are 15 cents. Auspices of Cleaners, Drivers and Laundry Workers Union, Local 18005-183. A good time is assured.

Local 160 to Send Questionnaire to All

Local 160, Northern States Power Employees Union, are having printed a confidential questionnaire which will be circulated among all the employees of the Power Company. This questionnaire calls for complete information in regard to raises or reductions in pay of each employee since 1932.

It also seeks to establish whether or not workers at the Northern States Power are being intimidated about Union membership. Every worker employed by the Power Company should fill this questionnaire out with the greatest care. The report, which will be strictly confidential, should be turned over to the department committee chairman, any member of the executive board of Local 160, or it can be mailed to George P. Phillips, 257 Plymouth Ave. north, Minneapolis.

No worker at the Northern States Power Company should hesitate to fill out this document and place it in the proper hands. It will greatly assist the union in adjusting wage and hour grievances.

Northern States News

The Underground Department committee is this week again before the Superintendent. Several details have arisen since the committee took up the matter of overtime several weeks ago. Seems as tho one or two items were not completely adjusted so the committee is at bat again.

Next week we hope to report all is well in this department for they are about 99.44-100 per cent Local 160 now.

The Kelvinator Department is sure coming to the front. At a special meeting held last week another bunch of applications were turned in. The meeting was the fourth of a series held in the last month to plan action on some working conditions. A shop committee was selected with one member from each section of the department.

Arrangements are being made to take up several specific matters with the department. Just a few more applications and this department will be 100% Local 160

Funeral Tuesday for Mrs. Mabel Shackel

Mabel Shackel, sister of Arthur Thompson, long time union member employed by the Reeves Coal and Dock Co., died Saturday morning. She is survived by her husband and four small children. The family resides at 3114 Fourth St. North. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North. Burial will be in Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Demand Laundry Button

Help us build an industrial union by demanding a monthly union button from your laundry driver. When sending your laundry work or dry cleaning be sure you send it to a union laundry. We need your help.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Local 18005-183

Tampa Tar Trial Moved to Bartow

Tampa, town of tar and terror, has lost the trial of the 11 policemen and vigilantes charged with the kidnap-flogging of Joseph Shoemaker, E. F. Poulnot and S. D. Rogers to the town of Bartow in Polk County.

Reopening of the trial against the indicted men will start April 13 in the little town of 5,000, regarded as the center of Ku Klux Klan activity in Polk County, itself a Klan stronghold. Forces favoring prosecution of the men regard the move as a blow to their case. The decision to move the hearings came after Judge Robert T. Dewell of Tampa upheld the plea of Pat Whitaker, Tampa politician and counsel for the accused kidnappers, for a change of venue.

Judge Dewell's decision came after the first venire of 108 potential jurors had been exhausted without the choice of six men necessary for a Florida jury panel. Union membership and liberal ideas, as well as membership in the Klan, served to bar from duty scores of the men examined by the court.

Only three of the 11 indicted defendants are scheduled to go on trial in the first of the series of cases. C. W. Carlisle, John P. Bridges and ex-Police Sergeant C. A. Brown are the men selected, their charge being kidnapping and conspiracy to kidnap Poulnot. Charges based on the murder of Joseph Shoemaker, who was beaten to death when the trio of men were spirited out of Tampa police headquarters last November, are expected to be heard at future trials.

Truckers Committee Holds Sunday Meet

The Executive Board of the Independent Truck Owners Section met in the union hall, Sunday morning, April 5. A hundred per cent attendance of the Executive Board was registered at the meeting. Various matters that had been referred to the Board from the previous membership meeting were acted upon.

A large number of newly joined members of the Independent Section presented themselves for identification emblems. The meeting which was called for 10 a. m. did not adjourn until almost 1 p. m.

The next membership meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section will be held Thursday, April 21, 8 p. m.

New CIO Pamphlet Here

A new pamphlet has been received, published by the Committee for Industrial Organization, which is headed by John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers. This well written little booklet presents a good case for the proponents of Industrial Unionism and cites the failures and weaknesses of the A. F. of L. craft organization.

A number of these pamphlets have been ordered and can be purchased at the union office. The price is 10c per copy.

John Belasco, president of the Furniture Workers Union, made a good impression when he spoke at the Sash, Door and Mill Workers meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE Furniture Workers No. 1859

- Wednesday, April 1—Membership meeting.
 - Wednesday April 15—Membership meeting.
- The Executive Board of Local No. 1859 meets on call of the chairman.
- All special meetings and all department meetings will be called either by special mail notices or will be published in the Northwest Organizer.

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

The Lewis Challenge

The challenge of John L. Lewis, heading the Committee for Industrial Organization, to William Green, proposing a referendum of the membership of the American Federation of Labor on the question of industrial versus craft union, has been rejected by Green. It is not surprising that Lewis feels his position secure enough to be willing to abide by the decision of such a poll, nor is it startling that the president of the A. F. of L. turned down Lewis' offer.

There can be little doubt that the gap between the two camps in the federation is widening. Everyday events, in working class circles, demonstrates more and more clearly the weakness and impotency of the craft unions and every day brings new testimony of the desire of workers, organized and unorganized, for a more effective weapon with which to fight back against powerful groups of highly organized capital.

There is no doubt that a referendum, in the membership of the American Federation of Labor, would show a huge majority for the industrial form of union organization and an almost complete rejection of craft union philosophy. The rejection, by Green, of Lewis' offer is further proof that the old out-dated craft union form of union organization is being imposed upon the membership of the A. F. of L. by the upper federation bureaucracy.

If Green feels that the group he represents in the Federation have the correct program for the organization of the American working class he should gladly submit to a test. Despite all hedging and evasion on the part of the craft union exponents, industrial unionism will win out and prove itself to be the only efficient weapon possessed by the organized worker.

Hosiery Strike Ends

The news of the ending of the Strutwear strike poses a new and serious question to the Hosiery Workers Union. Whether the agreement, which brought about the settlement, is good or bad for the Hosiery Union is a matter which time only will determine. But the settlement, good or bad, will have to be enforced by the organized workers in the Strutwear plant.

The settlement of the union's first test of strength with the mill owners is not the end of the trail for the Hosiery local. Rather, it is just the beginning. The union which was born in the strike must continue to live and function during the normal operation of the factory. The leadership of the union must determine that the fight is not over and must begin at once preparing the membership to steel themselves to insist that the terms of the agreement, which ended the strike, are carried out to the letter.

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of how employers proceed in cases where workers return to the job, after a prolonged strike, know that the employer will bend every effort to destroy the organization of the workers. A campaign, on the part of the employer, will begin at once, which will be calculated to set aside and negate the terms of the settlement and at the same time to break down and destroy the morale of the union members.

However distasteful the thought may be, to those who have carried the brunt of the struggle for four months, the fight has just begun. Whether the union will stand or fall depends entirely upon the policy, program and leadership that is furnished to the union.

The Midway District

The situation in the Midway district as it affects truck drivers, helpers, and inside workers, is serious enough at this time to merit the consideration of everyone who is interested in stabilizing wages and adjusting working conditions to a higher level.

Facts cannot be disguised. In the Midway district where many huge trucking concerns are located, the jurisdiction of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Drivers' Unions overlap. In many cases Midway trucking concerns have the situation where part of the workers are members of Local 574 and part of them belong to Local 120 in St. Paul. This fact, in itself, is not so serious, as an agreement has been reached between Local 574 and Local 120 in regard to these workers.

What should be the concern of everyone, however, is the difference that exists in the wage scales established by the two unions. June 1, 1934, the union scale for drivers who are members of Local 574 will be 60 cents per hour. The St. Paul scale will remain where it is now, 50 cents per hour. When that time arrives a situation will prevail where men employed by the same company will receive a difference as high as 80 cents a day in their pay, depending on which union they belong to.

The difference in wage schedules has already led to almost endless confusion. Steps are now being taken to remedy this intolerable situation.

Keeping Step With 574
 By Mickey Dunne

Rogers and Norton have got things under control at the Murphy Transfer.

The reopening of the Strutwear plant Monday, April 6, brought to an end one of the longest strikes in the history of the Minneapolis labor movement.

Local 574 band, under the competent leadership of Dick Ather-ton, made a hit at the midway mass meeting Tuesday night.

Hinky Haynes, of the Swiller gang, has been the champion organizer of the past month. He has been turning in new applications at a rapid pace.

G. Dunne is in Washington, D. C.

Thanks to the LaBelle Transfer Company for moving a piano which made it possible for a crippled boy to receive a musical education.

The Sash, Door and Mill Workers meeting seemed like old times. When the call was made for new applications the rush almost swamped the secretary.

The Stenographers' Union will probably soon be the largest Trade Union organization in Minneapolis. We understand that Meyer Lewis is now directing its destinies.

The Nicollet Hotel Caved In.

Cooks and Waiters have moved their headquarters next to the Bartenders on South Sixth Street. The moving of their club will be completed this week.

Read the article, on Local 574, in the April issue of Fortune. That is, if you can find a buck to buy one with. A local newspaper man collaborated in writing the piece.

The Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, have subscribed for the ORGANIZER for the entire membership.

Local 18005-183, Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union, are planning a mass meeting for laundry and dry cleaning workers in the near future. Local 574 will assist them.

The Werner gang met in the union hall Monday night.

Frankie Androff is returning to the ring sometime this spring. He has a series of fights booked in Iowa.

A committee from the cement block employers met with union officials Monday evening to negotiate an agreement.

There was no meeting of the union executive board Tuesday evening. All were at the St. Paul meeting.

Applications for withdrawal cards have not reached the proportion that was expected. Most of the coal yard workers are still employed.

Local 160, Northern States

A CLOSED MEETING
 Wednesday, April 15, will be the second membership meeting of Local 18005-183, Cleaners, Drivers, and Laundry Workers Union. Important decisions are to be made about Meyer Lewis' peace proposals. Every member in good standing must attend this meeting at 703 Third Ave. South.

Power Employees Union, called a meeting of meter readers for Monday night.

One hundred seventy-nine new members joined the union in March.

Pratt, Federal steward who suffered a broken leg sometime ago, is back on the job.

General Drivers Union
 257 Plymouth Ave.
 Minneapolis

Your kind expression of sympathy has been received and is deeply appreciated.

ERNEST NELSON

Bill Brown spoke to the School and Apartment House Janitors Union in St. Paul Saturday afternoon.

The Minneapolis branch of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense held a luncheon meeting Saturday noon in the YMCA. A good attendance was recorded.

The editor of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER again wishes to invite correspondence from the readers of the paper. Letters should not exceed 200 words and should be on such subjects as will be of general interest to ORGANIZER readers.

The columns of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER are open to its readers.

All union stewards are requested to make reports and returns to the union office as promptly as possible and at regular intervals. This is necessary if the union records are kept up to date.

LABOR . . .
Looks at the Press

General Smedley Butler says: "From what I saw during my tour of duty with the police in Philadelphia, it is clear to me that 90 per cent of the police are honest, hard-working and competent . . . any group that stacks up as good as that has nothing to be ashamed of."

The point is, general, that the police are hard-working and competent FOR the bosses and against the WORKERS, always and everywhere. For workers to turn into cops and behave thus is certainly much to be ashamed of.

Prime Minister Baldwin of England sez: "The present weakness of the British Labor Party is due to its abandonment of the idealistic Christian Socialism of its founders."

That must be good advice, because it comes from the most bitter enemy of the British working class.

According to the dictionary, the word 'yen' can mean Japanese coin, or passionate desire. — Or both, as in "yen for Chinese markets."—Common Sense.

Madrid news item: "At the insistence of the ramy, Premier Azana has forced the Socialist leaders to curb all further demonstrations of the left."

In so-called Popular Fronts, it seems, the small right wing always leads the large left wing around — by its large ears.

DeBloch, the historian: "During the last 3100 years on this earth, there have been 13 years of war to every one year of peace."

The guy ought to give Christianity a chance to get in its work.

Okay, Nazi Minister of Agriculture Darre: "The Semites reject everything that pertains to the pig. In the cult of the Germans the pig occupies the first place."

Detroit news item: 'Copper for bullets is being sent to Mussolini

NOTICE

Members of Local 160, Local 18005-183, and Local 1859. Your union has subscribed for the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER for the entire membership. You should receive the paper regularly once a week. If you do not receive the publication, please turn your name and address in to your local secretary. The same holds true when moving or changing addresses. Turn in both your old and new address to your union office. It is imperative that this procedure be followed promptly in order that you receive all issues of the paper.

in the form of thin sheets of metal stamped with a message of good will from Italian fascists residing in this city. Over a thousand sheets have been sent."

Ain't that the sheets, though?

Something to remember: "We all have to take care to distinguish with exceeding emphasis between what can be accomplished under capitalism by a Farmer-Labor victory and what requires a new social order."—Norman Thomas.

Mexico City news item: "President Cardenas of Mexico today ordered all provincial governors and military commanders to take steps against attempts of landworkers to occupy large estates."

Ann Harding, film actress, came out yesterday in favor of a strong national defense program.

I'll bet she's all for "law and order," too.

Washington news item: "An early vision by Dr. F. E. Townsend that with proper organization of his old age pension plan 'there might be millions in it' was recalled Wednesday before a special house investigating committee."

There were millions in it, all right—but not for the aged who certainly are entitled to adequate old age pensions.

Report of the National Youth Administration: "Thirty-four per cent of the youth in the United States today are out of work, out of school or in relief families . . . 300,000 young people now on relief never have had a job."

Don't worry. Capitalism will take care of the youth—by sending them across the seas to die in the holy name of protecting the profits of American bankers and industrialists.

A gem from Governor Cross of Connecticut: "You do not find the highest intelligence in Congress."

In fact, you don't even come close.

Conshocken, Pa., news item: "Ordered by the Board of Education to make more arrests, Truant Officer Perry Smith resigned. He said most of the truancy cases were the result of lack of money, clothes or food. Besides, the parents had no money to pay fines."

With the kids organizing their "Veterans of Future Wars," why don't the workers begin to get together in a group called "Victims of Future Legal Frame-ups," — or perhaps the "Royal Order of Potential Corpses at the Hands of Farmer-Labor Cops."

Attention, Adult Education WPA teachers—here's the way our friends in West Australia do it: "The University of Western Australia innovated a new practise this year by permitting all those attending the adult education summer school to arrange camping accommodation within the university grounds. . . Teachers passed a resolution protesting against the interference with liberty by the Commonwealth book censorship."