



# THE STRIKE IS ON!

## Members Cheer Confidence Vote Union Heads

## Rank and File Backs the Leadership

propaganda of the employers the leaders of 574 imposing votes on the rank and file against all got an awful wallop at Monday's meeting. The "Red Scare" is out to be one of the world's flops. At Monday's membership meeting the following resolution Executive Board was adopted unanimous vote. The next time you see an exploiter, disrupter, stool-puncher or yellow-belly squawking the chosen leaders of 574 show resolution to him and ask him what he has to say about it:

### RESOLUTION

Executive Board of Local 574, met in full session at the Union headquarters, Saturday, July 14th, and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the employers and their agents are conducting a vicious campaign against the leadership of the Union and are falsely asserting that the leadership has been imposed on the rank and file against the will of the members; and

WHEREAS, this slanderous propaganda is an old trick of the enemies of labor to drive a wedge between the rank and file and the leadership and to demoralize the ranks of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the leadership has demonstrated its efficiency and loyalty in the past, and in the face of the strikes, and thereby has earned the confidence of the Citizens Alliance, the press, and their press, and, on the other hand, has repeatedly received the enthusiastic endorsement of the rank and file of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of Local 574, before its declaration of the strike, in order to prevent the attempt of our enemies to divide the issue from the bread and butter issues of the workers to the personalities, it was ready to place the whole matter up to the rank and file, and either remain at their posts, or step aside, as the membership voted;

BEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board condemns the present campaign as a desperate attempt to create divisions in our ranks and break up the Union. It declared its confidence in the Organization Committee, calls upon it to remain at its posts, and appeals to the membership to confirm this resolution.

Unanimously adopted Saturday, July 14th, by the Executive Board of Local 574.

### G. H. Q.

Strike Headquarters  
 Central Headquarters for all strikes has been set up at 15 South Eighth St. Tickets report there to the committee in charge.

## The Strike Issues Are Clear-cut and Simple! Fight Like One Man Till Victory!

The conspiracy of the employers, spurred on by the Citizens Alliance, to cheat the membership of 574 out of the fruits of the victory won in the May strike, has finally compelled the Union to give the only possible answer—

To call a strike to enforce the demands of the Union!

Every member of our Union understands the issues. They are simple and clearcut. They have been considered and discussed in every detail. Meeting after meeting has been devoted to them. Endless hours of negotiations, in which the employers used every device and subterfuge known in the art of trickery in order to swindle us, produced no satisfactory results at all. Their tricks did not deceive us—our arguments did not budge them.

Very well, then, no more palaver! Action is what they'll get!

On Wednesday, July 11, the ranks of our Union assembled in meeting to adopt a decision for strike action without a dissenting vote. On Monday, July 16, the previous strike decision was just as unanimously reaffirmed by the members of 574. The strike begins with the endorsement and the enthusiastic approval of the entire membership.

The issues in the present strike are basically the same as they are for those other workers throughout the land who have laid down their tools.

1. The right of the workers to organize and be represented by a Union. Their freedom to exist as an independent organization, directed by themselves and not by the employers. Their right to lay down their own policies and to choose their own leaders.

2. The improvement of wages, hours of labor, and working conditions. The arrogant pressure of the employing class, combined with the rising cost of living, has made it imperative for us to fight to better our lot if we are to live above the level of beasts.

3. The right of the Union to represent all the workers in its ranks in negotiating and disputes with the employers, instead of leaving each individual worker, defenseless and alone, to the mercies of his boss.

The employers have taken a stubborn position which aims at undermining and destroying the Union and the protection which it affords the workers in its ranks.

They have systematically sought to split the Union. They have tried their utmost to create an artificial division between the rank and file and the leadership. The rank and file gave them the reply they deserved, in an unmistakable manner.

They sought to break the solidarity that holds together the truck drivers and the inside men, to drive a wedge between the two inseparable parts of our Union. The organization as a whole checkmated this move and ALL the members voted to stand by each other.

Then, when the obvious facts compelled the employers to admit, at least by inference, that our Union could represent both truck drivers and inside men, they resorted to a final and a most impudent proposal:

At the last minute, the employers proposed that we open our membership books to inspection in order to "prove" that we really have the inside men in our Union.

By this insolent proposal, the employers are showing that they do not yet realize that they are dealing with a Union that fights for the interests of its members, and does not betray them. We show no membership books to bosses or their agents, so that they may establish a blacklist against Union men.

The employers know that we are qualified to represent the inside men just as well as the truck drivers and helpers. If they pretend that

they still need proof of this fact, they now have plenty of opportunity to furnish themselves with it. They now have the chance of counting our members. If they haven't realized it yet, they can find it out today:

**IF YOU DON'T THINK WE HAVE IN OUR RANKS THE MEN WHO HAVE AUTHORIZED US TO SPEAK AND ACT IN THEIR NAME, COME AND COUNT THEM AS THEY LEAVE PLACES OF WORK! COME AND COUNT THEM ON THE PICKET LINE!**

That's the closest any employer will ever get to snooping into our membership rolls! And no self-respecting Union man will ever let a boss get an inch closer than that.

Our case has not only been put to the employers. It has been before the entire organized labor movement of Minneapolis. In the general conference of all the Unions, the demands of 574 were endorsed as just and reasonable, worthy of the wholehearted support of every workman. At the magnificent demonstration on Friday, July 6, the organized working class of Minneapolis roared its endorsement of the demands of 574 and pledged itself to uphold them.

We enter the battle with powerful support from the population, not only in Minneapolis, but even outside of it.

And how well justified is this support! We are not fighting an isolated cause. Ours is the cause of the whole labor movement. Should we be defeated, we who are entrenched in the key industry of transportation, the other unions in Minneapolis would be chopped down one by one. Every labor organization would be endangered. Should we be victorious, it means a strengthening of the whole labor movement, it means a tremendous step forward in making Minneapolis a solid Union town.

To the members of 574 our fight means the preservation and consolidation of their Union. It means protection of their jobs. It means their bread and butter. It means a decent, civilized existence.

The aggressiveness, the inspiring courage, the iron determination of the members of 574, already proved in two great strikes this year, make us supremely confident of the outcome of this fight. The stirring example of the men of labor in San Francisco, only adds to our strength.

Our cause is just.

Our Union is strong and firm.

Our faith in the victory is unshakable.

Our triumph is assured, no force can defeat us, if we stand solid, with unbowed ranks, meeting all enemies with unbowed heads—if we fight stubbornly like disciplined soldiers in the army of labor.

All together for militant unionism!

All together for the victory of 574, which is the victory of the whole labor movement!

### LAST MINUTE FLASH!

As we go to press, the newspapers report that Governor Olson, in response to a letter from Mayor Bainbridge, has announced that troops have been mobilized for strike duty. One battalion of the Minnesota National Guard has already been stationed at the Armory, ready for action.

Apparently the bosses have learned nothing from the Toledo and San Francisco strikes, where the National Guard, called out to protect the interests of the employers, proved unyielding against the determination, militancy and solidarity of the strikers. The men of 574—and for that matter, every man in the labor movement of Minneapolis—will not be cowed, or deterred from his duty, by such a show of force!

No truck is going to be moved! By nobody!

## Bosses Tactics Force Union to Launch Walkout

## Membership Meeting Gives Unanimous Vote

The great mass membership meeting of Local 574 at the East Side Eagles Hall on Monday, July 16th, assembled to hear the last word of the employers before taking final action, received the report of their refusal to grant the demands of the union. In reply the membership took the only course left to union men. By unanimous vote the membership reaffirmed its previous decision of Wednesday, July 11, and declared the strike effective Monday midnight, July 16.

With the same unanimity the slander campaign of the employers and their agents was answered by a rising vote of confidence in the leaders and a call to them to remain at their posts and lead the struggle to victory. A strike committee of 100 was elected at the meeting to conduct the strike in cooperation with the officials.

All the schemes of the enemies of labor to sow dissension in the ranks and discourage the members came to nothing. All the talk about "opposition" to the strike disappeared in thin air. The "Red Scare" was shown up as a red herring. All the propaganda about a revolt against the leadership was shown to be a fake.

President Brown asked anyone who opposed the strike to take the floor. No one answered. When the question was put before the body the demand for the strike asserted itself so overwhelmingly that the rank and file overrode the proposal of the leadership to take a secret ballot. As one man they rose to their feet and insisted that last Wednesday's decision was legal and binding. The failure of the employers to take advantage of the five days delay to change their attitude made the decision final.

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Let's make it a real strike for a real victory!

### Legal Staff for Strike

The Strike Committee of 100 announces that at its first meeting last night a motion was unanimously adopted designating as attorneys for the Committee Fred A. Ossanna of Ossanna, Hall and Hoaglund, Rand Tower, and Albert L. Goldman, noted Chicago labor lawyer now in this city. The legal interests and rights of the strikers will be carefully guarded by the Strike Committee's legal staff, as well as by the membership of 574 as a whole.

### Organized Labor Moves Ahead

100,000 workers out in Frisco on general strike.  
 1,200 workers of the Kohler plumbing company out on strike at Kohler, Wis.  
 40,000 workers organized into 106 units on strike in the Eastbay region.  
 18,000 United Textile Workers out in Birmingham.  
 Three strikes on in Cleveland—taxicab, Tug Firemen's and Liaesmen's association, Cleveland File Co. employees.

# We Need Your Aid and Count On It!

Local 574 is fighting a battle which is the battle of every working man and woman. Our victory will be yours. Our defeat will be your defeat. Against us are arrayed powerful forces of reaction. We know that the battle will not be an easy one to win. It will require all the resources at our command. We feel justified in calling upon every man and woman in the organized labor movement, upon every friend of the working man, to grant us assistance.

To win a battle of the kind we have engaged in, means MONEY! Local 574 is calling upon YOU to help financially. Every contribution will be a blow struck in our behalf. Send in your donation immediately. Money given generously and promptly is doubly effective. Contributions should be sent to the General Headquarters of the Strike Committee of 100, 215 Eighth Street South, Minneapolis. We are counting on you!

## Magnificent Frisco Fight Now Joined by Minneapolis Strike

With the West Coast in the lead, the American working class is being reborn these days. It is standing up on its feet and fighting back at its exploiters and persecutors. A new day is dawning in American labor history and if every worker stands firm the outcome of the great struggles which are opening must be sweeping victory, improved living conditions and a regaining of the American worker's self-respect.

In the face of vicious boss terror, led by the National Guard, San Francisco and Oakland labor thoroughly shut up the famous Golden Gate and now has tied up the whole Frisco region. All business traffic has ceased, private cars are stopped because gas can't be gotten, the trolleys are tied up, restaurants, shops, markets, filling stations, movies, factories, construction work—everything is tied up, tight as a drum. The general strike holds Frisco in its iron grip today.

Each hour more workers come out. The latest is 500 radio telegraphers, highly skilled men whose sympathy strike with the longshoremen ties up every seagoing vessel in the Bay. Every union is pushing an organizing campaign; within a few days Frisco will be almost 100 per cent unionized. The strike committee has put the city on rations, designated a few restaurants to stay open, and established a labor police force to maintain order even when the boss police try to provoke disorder.

Two trucks tried to run the blockade and the aroused workers gave them a lesson. The Frisco teamsters are out solid, 3,700 of them, in sympathetic strike with the longshoremen and other marine workers. The Central Labor Council is backing the strike. Picketing is widespread and 100 per cent successful. Thus far the General Strike Committee has permitted the publishing of newspapers and the distribution of milk, bread and hospital supplies.

It is reported that the general strike may be taken up in Portland, Oregon. In addition, important strikes are on or are brewing in many other sections of the U. S. At Kohler, Wisconsin, 1,000 workers in the famous plumbing factory of the ex-Governor of the Badger State, are striking for union recognition and better living conditions. A big strike has just been settled at South Bend, Indiana, with gains for the workers. The marine workers strike may spread to the Atlantic Seaboard.

Everywhere labor is on the move. Years of suffering and destitution have been accepted in silence. But now at last the workers of the U. S. stand up and say to their exploiters: "Thus far shall you go and no further."

The battle is on. The marine workers of the West Coast stayed out for months. The hard-boiled bosses would not come to terms. Then the boss poli-

### Jobless to Support Strike

The unemployed workers of Minneapolis are not available for scab work during Local 574's strike. The Minneapolis Central Council of Workers and the Unemployed Council have both voted full support of the strike. Local 574 accepts their pledge of solidarity and urges them to join the struggle actively. They can be used on the picket lines to great advantage. All unemployed and other unorganized workers are asked to register immediately at headquarters of the M. C. C. W., 303 South 3rd St. Special buttons will be given them to identify them and enable them to participate in strike work.

ticians sent in the National Guard and loosed a reign of terror to smash the workers. The united working class of Frisco and Oakland has given its answer: the general strike. The workers of the West Coast have learned that they must fight, and fight as a unit. **Struggle and Solidarity**, they are the watchwords of the hour for American labor from coast to coast. They are the watchwords of the hour in Minneapolis too.

If the arrogant bosses of Minneapolis will not concede the indispensable, minimum needs of the strikers of 574, these strikes will not stand alone. The entire Minneapolis labor movement, the unemployed, the poor class of farmers, will come to their aid. **Struggle and Solidarity**—and the result: **Victory**.

## Men Won't Be Deceived by Citizens Alliance Tactics

In the spring of 1929, as Minneapolis workers in general, and the building trades workers in particular, will remember, the buildings on Marquette Avenue between Sixth and Seventh were being razed to make way for the magnificent Northwestern Bank Building. One of the poorest-paying wrecking firms in the state got the contract for this job. The open shop was of course insisted upon, the wages were ridiculously low. When the men finally revolted, there was "labor trouble."

Naturally the Citizens Alliance swung its machinery into action to use every means, fair or foul, to discredit the workers. Thus does it always behave. "Any stick to beat a dog," must these gentry confide to each other, and indeed they are perfectly content to see Minneapolis workers and their wives and children live a dog's life.

It made not a whit of difference to these kindly disposed people that the workers on the Northwestern Bank job had legitimate cause for complaint, that they were loyal, laborers, organized in a conservative A. F. of L. building trade union. Lies, distortions, slanders, misrepresentations, poured into the public ears, borne on the oily righteous voice of the Alliance—the "Friends of the People."

And when all this failed, when people were becoming more and more indignant at the penny-snatching policies of the wrecking crew, and consequently more and more sympathetic to the cause of the struggling workers—the old standby, the Red-Scare, was hurriedly brought out from the file and hurled into the eyes of the reading public.

And because the spring of 1929 was five years ago, and Hoover was saying the country was on a permanent plateau of wealth such as our forefathers never dreamt of, and because we were all going to "get ours," the honest cause of the workers was defeated. In fact, so far were they beaten down that they were not even offered cash in wages—"take old lumber, instead," was the edict of Rose Brothers.

The justice or in the injustice of the workers' claims had nothing at all to do with the matter. It was enough to say, "Communists are among these men." In those days the public was sitting on the banks of a golden stream. "Oh, well, I suppose the workers are getting another raw deal. Like they always have gotten. But Communists—" People shook their head, and turned to the latest stock market reports.

So it was no surprise to the Drivers

### Kenneth Wiener

All members of 574 bow in sorrow at the tragic death of brother Kenneth Wiener, an active member of our union who was killed while at work at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant.

Brother Wiener was one of the most active pickets in the May strike and a union man all the way through. He was slugged on the picket line and thrown in jail during the strike. It is to the courage and self-sacrificing work of hundreds such as he that we owe our magnificent organization. It is fitting, therefore, that we turn out in a body to pay our tribute at his funeral.

The funeral of brother Wiener will be conducted from the Welander-Quist Undertaking parlors, 19th and Chicago Avenue, Tuesday at 2 p. m. All members of 574 are requested to assemble there to pay the last respects to a loyal fighter for our cause.

## Sunday "Opposition" Meeting Becomes Strike Demonstration

Efforts of the employers and a few of their dupes to drag the Union 574 membership in their disruptive wake were brought to nought Sunday afternoon in a meeting held at the Wesley church auditorium. Despite the widespread ballyhoo of the press, which whooped it up on the front pages in a frantic appeal to "conservatives" to mass in the church, it appeared that the overwhelming sentiment in the General Drivers, Helpers, Petroleum Workers and Inside Workers was directed towards but one end—STRIKE!

Shortly after 3 p. m. the Reverend William Brown began an address of welcome to a restless audience of 500 men who listened very impatiently. Soule, head of the committee calling the meeting, fared much worse. Grant Dunne came to the platform and took charge of the meeting, quickly compelling order. The call for the meeting was denounced for what it was, an underhanded effort of the employers to split the unions. Members of the audience were bitter in their denunciation of the splitters, and especially of the move to hold a meeting outside the union headquarters.

Collins, one of the men who had issued the call for the Sunday meeting, rose and acknowledged that he was thoroughly ashamed of himself for having had anything to do with the af-

fair. It was clear that he, like others, had been "roped in" by a dirty trick of the bosses.

Bill Brown then spoke, and that the question of the union ship would be placed before the Monday night meeting.

Two resolutions concerning action were read from the stage and voted on later at the meeting. Other speakers included Miles Ray Dunne and John Geary, president of the international. Geary's answers to several questions from the floor regarding the the international on strike sympathetic strikes, the San Francisco strike and the union's constitutionally did not win the audience approval.

After the meeting had unambiguously voiced its approval of its president and its determination to win its demands, the affair up with Grant Dunne's urging tire membership of the union present at the meeting Monday.

The bosses were forced to yet another failure in their efforts to break up the union ever costs. The strike-breaker at Wesley church auditorium turned as one newspaper into "a field day for local 574."

### The Bosses Forced the Strike

We print below the letter sent yesterday by President Brown in behalf of the Union Committee to Mr. E. H. Dunnigan, Federal Mediator, in a final effort to come to agreement with the employers and avert the strike. The employers refused to accept the proposal contained in President Brown's letter. Thereby they forced the union to strike.

Let any union man in Minneapolis, let anybody who has to work for a living ask himself if there is anything unreasonable in this proposal. Would it not be more correct to say that the Union Committee leaned backward and presented demands far too modest in its effort to reach a settlement without a strike?

### UNION COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL

July 16, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Dunnigan,  
Commissioner of Conciliation,  
United States Dept. of Labor.

Dear Sir:

After a careful consideration of the events which transpired in today's conference, the Union Committee has agreed to recommend to the membership a settlement of the existing controversy on the following basis:

- 1.—A minimum wage of 55c per hour for truck drivers.
- 2.—A minimum wage of 45c per hour for helpers and inside workers.
- 3.—That in the event an employee receives more than the minimum mentioned in items 1 and 2, he shall not have his pay reduced.
- 4.—Time and one-half for all overtime.
- 5.—That wage increases be retroactive to and including May 26, 1934.
- 6.—That the employers group of 22 firms must agree to this in writing, addressed to the Union Committee and signed by an authoritative committee from the employers group.

William S. Brown, Pres.,  
Local No. 574.

### SEW IT UP TIGHT!

Tuesday's evening edition of the Minneapolis Tribune says: "Truck service in Minneapolis Tuesday was at a virtual standstill as a result of the strike of union drivers, helpers and inside workers. . . Owners of practically all trucks kept them in the garages and made no attempt at deliveries."

Yep! And that's just how we plan to keep the situation. Our watchword is: Sew it up tight!

### Ladies Auxiliary on

The Ladies Auxiliary of Local 574 now a firmly rooted, progressive organization, has issued a call for volunteers to aid in office work, misary work and first-aid stationing the strike. They also ask for donations of food, cigarettes, army coats, blankets and clothing.

Many wives, sisters and friends of 574 members have already registered for strike duty but more volunteers are wanted. The women-folk realize what this fight means and they have a great opportunity to contribute to the victory that is ahead. It's now or never—bosses they can't get away with kind of staff they have been on the working class. Fight for a better standard of living; it's the only way to get one.

All volunteers register for contributions to 225 South 3rd St., or to Strike Headquarters, South Eighth St.

### A Truck Driver's Complaint

To the Editor of The Tribune: Reading the headlines in your daily paper, I'm very much magnified in the article regarding the blank denial of these so-called representatives of the truck owners in Minneapolis and signed by Sam Le of self. I happen to be one of the "Vigilant truck drivers who hasn't a square deal since going back to and as long as our chiseling employers are allowed by the labor board as they please, just so long as we starve.

In my own case, my boss in the first week after the strike ended a 34-hour week, the one and only that he lived up to his part of the agreement, and since then my income dwindled down to where I got in for 41½ hours' work. Now, you may page the employers' side of the page you dare put this in a small column your Public Pulse and let the world what is really happening to the old striking truck drivers.

—E. PLURIBUS U.

### PHONEY TELEGRAM (Never Received—and Never

"Strike Committee of 100: "As soon as you boys feel running short of money with finance this strike, just call on assistance. My check-book is at disposal. There is nothing I much as to see men striking for rights, even if I do have to come with a little more wampum.

(Signed) "G. N. DAYT

This issue of the Organizer is the second of a series of Daily Strike Bulletins that will appear during the duration of the strike. Support the strike by buying the Daily Bulletin! Read it, pass it on to your friends! See that your newsstand carries the Organizer!