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# Martial Law Declared by Olson

## Bosses' Moves Against Paper Fail of Purpose

### Strike Daily Appears Despite All Threats

Speaking over the microphone at Strike Headquarters last night, a member of The Organizer's staff elicited a thunderous cry of anger when he informed the assembled crowd of workers that attempts to suppress the daily strike bulletin were continuing.

Not only has The Organizer been forced out of its second printing plant in three days by order of the bosses of those shops, but new moves have been made to prevent distribution of our paper.

Yesterday afternoon a cop drove one of our salesgirls, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, away from the street corner in front of Dayton's. He refused to let her sell The Organizer there. He had no legal pretext for such action. According to law, anyone is supposed to be allowed to publish a newspaper and to sell it on the public streets. But the Citizens Alliance has ordered us off the streets.

Furthermore, it is reported, the plot to charge the staff of The Organizer with criminal syndicalism and to put them in jail for five years is gathering headway. County Attorney Goff is in charge of this little scheme.

The Organizer can not be stopped, however. It is the voice of the strikers, an indispensable weapon in the fight against the bosses, and a shield against the snarling attacks of the kept press.

The Citizens Alliance has set itself an impossible task in attacking The Organizer. We will be out daily as long as this strike lasts, if that means till hell freezes over.

After you read your Organizer, circulate it among all your friends and neighbors. Ask them to read it. Then ask them for funds for the strike. 574 is urgently in need of MONEY to carry on the courageous battle for all laboring men and women. Let each reader appoint himself a committee of one to help collect these vital funds. Give receipts to all who donate. Headquarters will give you receipts for all you collect.

### SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT MARTIAL LAW

General Hugh S. Johnson, head of the NRA, speaking in Los Angeles on July 20, made some remarks about martial law. He said: "It is an extreme to which a public official is justified in going only when the very safety of the state is threatened and then only at his own peril and with full criminal and civil responsibility for every act of the most callow of his subordinates. It is exactly like the rule of self-defense in a murder trial. Your back must be against the wall with no way to save your life except to destroy your adversary."

The Organizer wants to ask some questions:

Is the safety of the State of Minnesota threatened?

If so, by whom, in the opinion of the Governor who ordered martial law?

Why is "the rule of self-defense" being called into play? Who has threatened murder?

Have the strikers murdered anybody?

Who murdered Henry B. Ness? The bosses' back is against the wall; does the Governor feel that the State of Minnesota has its back against the wall?

Are the troops ordered out to destroy an adversary?

Who is that adversary?

Now is the time for plain speaking.



And the Fight Has Just Begun!

## NO TRUCKS TO BE MOVED! BY NOBODY!

Following upon the bosses' rejection of the draft settlement proposed by Rev. Francis J. Haas, representative of the National Labor Relations Board, Governor Floyd B. Olson at noon today established martial law.

Earlier in the day a membership meeting of Local 574, after careful consideration of the Haas plan, decided that it represented a minimum acceptable to the Union and that the strike could be settled on such a basis. The Union thus went as far as it could, showing once again that the strike is one forced upon the workers by a gang of cutthroats headed by the Citizens Alliance who have no object except to smash the Minneapolis labor movement and maintain all workers in misery so that the bosses may enjoy super-profits and luxury.

The responsibility for the existence today of a military dictatorship in this city, as well as for the continuation of the strike, is on the shoulders of the bosses.

The Strike Committee of 100 met last night in a long session to analyze and discuss the Haas plan. While this plan did not give the Union everything the Union is anxious to get, the Strike Committee of 100 concluded that it constituted a basis for settlement.

The plan would have established a return-to-work minimum wage of 42½ cents per hour for inside men, helpers and platform men, and of 52½ cents an hour for drivers. Constituting a material and definite advance in wages over those prevailing at the opening of the strike, this item amounted to a real advance over Haas' earlier proposals.

The Haas plan offered yesterday also eliminated the bosses' demand that the Union reveal the names of its members in order to prove its right to exist. It set up arrangements for an election in which all workers (including inside men) in the 22 market firms would vote as a group as to whether or not they wanted 574 to represent them. This meant a sure-fire victory for 574, which includes practically all drivers, helpers, and inside men in the market houses.

At the Strike Committee it was decided to recommend the plan to the Union members. A membership meeting was held this morning at Eagles Hall where the strikers heard a report on the negotiations from Union officials and leaders of the Strike Committee of 100.

It was generally agreed that in adopting the new Haas plan, the Union would be making certain concessions. It was, however, felt that nothing basic was being sacrificed and that, just as the May settlement was a gain over previous conditions, so this new settlement would constitute a gain over the May conditions.

This, apparently, was also clear to the bosses, who desired neither to concede any higher wages nor to open the door to permanent and consolidated organization of all the inside men in the market and most of those in other houses They "accepted with reservations"—that is to say, they turned down the proposition with a lot of fancy language.

The Federal Government has not been very famous lately as a friend of the worker. One has only to bear in mind the raw deals that were pulled on the workers at Weirton, in Detroit, in the steel Union and other cases to realize that the Federal Government has been pro-boss all the way through the "New Deal."

But for the bandits of the Minneapolis Citizens Alliance, not even this is enough. They want to exterminate us, crush us, smash us completely.

The Rev. Haas, a professor and student of labor problems, is reputed to be one of Washington's best bets. He dashed out here by special plane with a lot of advance publicity.

We do not know what went on between him and the Citizens Alliance, but we do know that he has not induced the bosses to give the workers even a crumb.

What would have happened if the bosses had accepted a Haas plan and we had turned it down? Not a bandit or yegg, not a pious hypocrite or snivelling labor-sweater, not a stockholder or stockjobber in town but would have yelled for our blood. And what would the Federal representative have done?

What will he do now? It will be interesting to see what, if anything, the Rev. Haas has to say about the bosses who turned down the olive branch he flew with from Washington.

Of course, the Rev. Haas's speech or silence will not determine this issue.

The spirits of the strikers are higher than ever. Neither conciliators nor negotiators nor dictators can dampen them.

We will not return to work for a pittance. We have had enough of twelve and ten and eight dollar weekly checks. We have had enough of insecurity due to lack of organization. We will go back but with decent wages, decent conditions, and a Union, Local 574, to protect us.

We cannot do less by ourselves, we cannot do less by our wives, we cannot do less by our children. We will not do less.

Despite death and the devil, despite the whole unholy alliance which is pitted against us: the strike goes on. Peaceful picketing continues. The banner still waves on which is inscribed our slogan:

**No trucks shall be moved! By nobody!**

## 574 Demands Olson Recall Militia Order

### Troops Empowered to Allow Truck Movement

Governor Olson has declared martial law. Troops are taking over our streets. What for?

Do the workers need the help of troops?

Of course not. If the workers are to win this strike, union recognition and decent living conditions, it is enough for them to tie up trucking and related operations. This they have done for eleven days. They need no help from anybody to do this.

Will the troops help the workers? The Organizer does not see how the troops can help the workers.

Governor Olson says that when martial law is in force "trucks will move only on military permits and picketing by automobile or otherwise will be completely stopped." That means that the troops can make possible any movement of trucks which it suits them to sanction.

Until now trucks have moved only with permits from Local 574. Now the troops are to decide who is to move. This cannot be a help to us. Nor can a prohibition of picketing be a help.

The troops, we are told, will do what the bosses and Bloody Johan-

### EXTRA! EXTRA!

Tonight at 8:15 there will be the usual meeting at Strike Headquarters, 215 South 8th St. The events of the day will be analyzed and plans announced. Strike leaders will speak. All strikers asked to attend. Broadcasting as usual over "Station 574."

nes could not do: they will make possible scab movements of trucks and break our strike.

Time after time in American labor history, when the bosses were on the point of taking a bad beating, the militia has come in to save them. Arrests, suppression of newspapers, prohibition of meetings and picketing, shootings—these have always been the inevitable accompaniment of martial law. And these can break a strike.

Martial law cannot help the strikers. It must help the bosses.

Local 574 is opposed to martial law. Every step that these troops take toward moving or helping to move trucks, is a blow at Local 574 and the strike.

And because of the nature of this struggle, such a blow is a blow at the whole Minneapolis labor movement.

Those who have asked for troops—the Citizens Alliance and Mayor Bainbridge—and he who has called them out, will be responsible for such blows.

The troops must not interfere with picketing.

We call upon Governor Floyd B. Olson to withdraw the troops immediately from the city of Minneapolis.

We call upon every labor union in the city of Minneapolis, upon every worker and every friend of workers' rights, to second this demand. We ask them to impress with the utmost force and solemnity upon the Governor the implacable opposition of the overwhelming mass of the population to the presence of these troops and the operation of martial law.

We call upon labor throughout the state and the country to rally to our side in this moment of need.

The right of labor to carry on peaceful picketing must be maintained at all costs!

### FLASH: PICKETS PINCHED

Union men peacefully picketing Freddy's lunch to protest against mistreatment of a picket yesterday, were pinched by Bloody Mike's coppers. See page 2, column 2, for background of the incident.

News and Views

The Duluth drivers union had a big meeting last night to consider the question of a strike. Ex-Congressman Shoemaker spoke there.

The cab drivers held a special group meeting last night to consider questions of policy. By unanimous vote they decided to stay out on strike until the struggle of 5/4 is concluded. Good work, brothers.

Cars for the funeral procession Tuesday were donated by Gil Bros. Funeral Parlors.

The Social Problems Club expresses sympathy for the strike and condemns the murderous attack of the police upon defenseless workers. "We hope," reads a resolution adopted by the Club, "that the citizens will not rest until Johannes is removed from the office which he now holds." The resolution adds that the Club regards 5/4's fight as one waged on behalf of the entire labor movement of Minneapolis against the united employers banded together in the Citizens Alliance.

Wm. Freeman of Chicago, Ill., sends in \$2.00 to the strike fund. He read about the appeal for aid in The Militant of New York. He writes, "I am with you; my sentiment is stronger than the cash."

Scene: Calhoun Beach. Time: Yesterday afternoon. A squad car of the apes that walk like men draws up. The kids on the beach rush up and, with a chorus of boos, yell, "Here are our heroes." The squad car beats it at the double quick.

G. W. La Beau, Camden Station, Route 6, offers the Strike Committee the use of his open biplane at any time.

The leading book man in Minneapolis has offered a prize to the Stillwater Art Colony, for the best cartoon accepted for publication in The Organizer.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 292, has sent \$29 to the strike fund. With this message: "Don't give up the fight, fellows, we are with you to the finish."

A 20 per cent salary cut for teachers is now on the boards. Are you going to take it, teachers? Or do you realize that struggle is the answer to cuts? Organization, solidarity and struggle.

Olof Philibert Victorien sends us an excellent poem describing that "loathsome fiend in the form of man," a strike-breaker; unfortunately, we are short of space today and can not print it.

A man who signs himself "A union member and a lover of dogs," complains at a recent suggestion made by somebody that Johannes is not unlike a mutt. He says this is tough on mutts which are really often almost human.

Walter Martin, 17 year old picket who is resting in St. Barnabas with a back full of lead yesterday said: "Tell the boys to bring me a couple of coppers for breakfast." They're kinda "rare" these days, Walter!

This report comes from a striker's wife: A cop was on line to get a drink from a public fountain day before yesterday. When he finished he offered the cup to the next man on line. This man threw the cup to the ground, saying "I'll be damned if I drink out of a cup used by one of Bloody Johannes's rats." The people in the line applauded and the cop slunk away.

The Summer Session Reporter, published by the University of Minnesota, shamelessly narrates how a Mrs. Bucklin and a Mrs. Felstad did a little scabbing, moving a harp in a trailer under the protection of two armed motorcycle cops. These pampered "lovers of music" do not care that workers are striking so that their children may be saved from starvation. To them the strike is a joke. But to us it is a fight to the finish. And we are glad to say that a goodly number of University students are helping us out down at Headquarters in various ways. We suggest that they take appropriate action to let the University scabs know what they think of them.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has opened a barber shop in Strike Headquarters for the use of picketers. The Business Agent of the Barbers' Union yesterday offered on behalf of his organization to run such an enterprise free of charge for the striking drivers, helpers and inside men.

On The Strike Front

Bill Brown Talks At Headquarters

William S. Brown, President of 574, addressed the mass meeting outside Headquarters last night shortly before the Strike Committee went into session. He announced the call for a membership meeting. Some excerpts from his talk follow: "That was no funeral yesterday; it was a demonstration against a system that can't survive, a system which we must smash. I ask every driver and inside worker to sit tight. We are going to put this strike across. Our union can not be broken. Not by Bainbridge and his cops, not by Olson and his troops. Our Union is made by its members, and they will keep on building it."

"We have been bringing pay checks home to our wives which we were ashamed to hand her. We felt like slipping them to her behind her back and telling her this is all the Citizens Alliance is going to let you have this week. Now we are going out and fight for paychecks on which a family can live decently. Let us do that or go down fighting like men. Tomorrow morning we are going to meet to consider the question of settlement. That is we are going to meet provided that no trucks are moved while we meet. If they try any of their tricks, such as moving trucks while we meet, we will not consider any settlement."

"When we do settle this strike it is not going to be their way, but our way. Let's not forget that. And when it is all over, then it will not be all over yet. Then we are going to open a fight to put behind the bars the criminals responsible for the murder of Harry Ness."

Boss Lie Blasted

The Citizens Alliance, through its kept press, is trying to give the strike a black eye by making people believe that Local 574 has interfered with the functioning of the hospitals. That this is a damnable lie is proven by the following letter received yesterday by the Secretary of Local 574:

"I am writing to tell you that we are very grateful for the services of the five members of your organization who volunteered their time to deliver air conditioning equipment to the University Hospital on Monday, July 23. This equipment was very badly needed to cool the rooms where sick infants are cared for in the Hospital. The promptness with which you rendered this service is a credit to you and a great favor to us."

This letter is signed by Irvine McQuarrie, Head of the Children's Department of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Well, Journal, Tribune, Star, are you going to announce the truth about this matter now? Do you dare offend the Citizens Alliance?

Knocks Down Picket

Fred Westergreen, who runs Freddy's lunch at 605 2nd Ave. S., was caught bootlegging a load of linen from the American Linen Supply Co. the other day. Approached by pickets he refused to stop. One picket, Peter Warhol, Jr., an upholstery worker aiding 574 in its fight, was standing in front of Westergreen's car while other pickets talked to the restaurant owner through the window of the car.

Suddenly Westergreen threw in his clutch and the machine moved forward, knocking Pete Warhol down and bruising him severely. Thereupon Patrolman Kohlers pulled Warhol in on a charge of disorderly conduct. Of course Westergreen was not bothered by the copper.

What we want to know is, how much longer are trade union officials going to patronize this scab and assaulter of pickets, Westergreen?

Another Swindle

The Citizens Alliance has expanded; it now speaks for labor too!

The boss press carries a report that I. G. Engstrom, "business agent" of the "Minneapolis local of the American Building Trades Association," announced his organization has nothing to do with the drivers' strike, does not approve it and will not join in a sympathetic strike. The so-called "American Building Trades Association" is not affiliated to the A. F. of L. or to anything but the Citizens Alliance. It has no charter, no members, no standing. It has nothing; in fact, but a desk in the Citizens Alliance office. And Mr. Engstrom is a fink.

By serving almost 15,000 meals yesterday, the Strike Commissary, conducted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 574, broke its earlier records. It fed not only 574's men, but striking ERA workers and striking dry cleaning and laundrymen.

Eye-Witnesses Called

All witnesses of the vicious attacks of the police on strike pickets and bystanders at Sixth Ave. N. and Third Street last Friday afternoon are asked to communicate immediately with Mr. Irving H. Green, of the legal staff of Local 574. You can thus do a great service to the strike and to your fellow-workers now under charge by the police. Telephone Mr. Green at once to make a special appointment. His phone is Bridgeport 2285.

Two Groups to Demand Police Chief's Removal

Two petitions will be presented to the City Council tomorrow morning as an expression of the profound anger sweeping the population of Minneapolis due to the brutal murder of Harry Ness and the wounding of 47 pickets by the police last week.

Delegations representing Local 574 and a group of private citizens will both appear before the City Council to present the petitions, which have been signed by several thousand citizens of Minneapolis. The delegations and petitions will be supported, it is expected, by a large gathering anxious to impress upon the City Council the determination of the workers of this City, as well as of all enemies of brutality and oppression to achieve their ends.

The petition to be presented by the Union delegation reads as follows:

"We, citizens of Minneapolis, believing that we are dangerously close to organized murder on the Hitler plan without a fair trial; and that Mayor Bainbridge and Chief of Police Mike Johannes are guilty of attempting a Hitlerized reign of terror in our City and have torn to shreds the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence by the bloody murders of July 20, 1934—now do demand that the City Council impeach the Mayor and the Chief of Police immediately, and that if such action be not brought by the City Council within 48 hours after the receipt of this petition, then the City Council should resign itself as a body in order that we citizens can elect a new City Council and Mayor who will uphold and defend the rights of the people as guaranteed in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence."

"And further, that if the Council does not bring impeachment action it should resign as a body on the ground that it is an accessory after the fact and a principal in the murders and shootings of the citizenry of Minneapolis on the day which will be hereafter known as Black and Bloody Friday, July 20, 1934."

The second petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Minneapolis, request you to remove from office Mayor A. G. Bainbridge under Chapter IV, Section IV of the City Charter, for the following reasons:

- 1. Failure and incapacity to perform the duties of his office.
2. Hiring of inexperienced and untrained men for police duty, thereby causing the death of two of these men during the May strike.
3. Allowing the Chief of Police to issue orders to fire guns into a crowd of citizens during the July strike.
4. Allowing the town to become practically wide open to such influences as houses of ill fame.
5. Failure to perform his duty under the City Charter in refusing to sign a contract entered into by the City Council for the lease of quarters to house the North Side Relief Station at 1403 West Broadway.
6. Interference with the Board of Public Welfare to such an extent as to retard the development of a proper and adequate system of public relief."

Gastuch Sends Message

Victor Gastuch lies wounded in St. Barnabas. His collar bone was fractured by a bullet on Bloody Friday. The murderous dogs who shot and arrested him kept him in jail for 25 1/2 hours against the doctor's orders. Even cannibals eat their fellow-men only because they are hungry; our cops are degenerates, depraved sadists who beat, murder and torture workers for a few blood-dollars.

Vic told Jack McCoy, who was shot down at his side, that he is anxious to see his squad-car comrades Jim Cole, Paul and Red. He wants the boys "never to forget Friday's dam, dirty, rotten deal and to fight like hell."

Strike Wave Is Still Rising in Many States

Their backs pressed to the wall by greedy bosses, workers all over the western hemisphere continued to use the strike, the only weapon in their power to fight for fair wages and better working conditions.

In Detroit, representatives of 1,500 tugmen, on strike since June 1, voted unanimously to carry on the struggle. Their modest demand is an 8-hour day. The strike has tied up 90 Great Lakes tugs.

In protest against a 10% wage cut, 400 workers walked out of the Holston hosiery mill in Knoxville, Tenn.

Seven hundred and fifty members of the Live Stock Commission Men's Union have joined the 900 striking cattle handlers in the Chicago stockyards, completely paralyzing all types of work which the workers decided should not continue.

At midnight tonight, it is reported that 30,000 workers of five cities, all employees of the Aluminum Company of America, will go on strike for better conditions and a closed shop.

In York, Pa., 5,000 cigar workers are still out solid.

Eight hundred fifty workers of a Holt, Alabama, foundry company went on strike last Monday. They are still out. In Rome, Georgia, 500 stove foundry workers are on strike.

In Cuba, as in Minneapolis, grasping and ruthless Wall Street interests are attempting to crush the working class. Yesterday, telephone service all over Cuba was completely stopped by a walkout of over a thousand employees of the Telephone Company.

In Florence, Nova Scotia, 600 miners suddenly walked out, completely stopping all work at a large colliery.

Frisco Workers Out; Scare Was Boss Plot

A group of men and youths held in the Frisco city jail for a week after police and so-called "vigilante" raids on alleged Communist headquarters during the peak of the longshoremen's strike here, were brought into police court last night.

"I am disgusted," declared Judge Sylvian Lazarus, "to think that this good old town should have acted like a pack of mad wolves. I don't know who is responsible, but it should be traced to its source. Boys never before arrested were thrown in jail for a week. Aging men also were subjected to that humiliation. My heart bleeds for them. If it had been the son of a leading financier there would have been such a stir it would have turned the town upside down."

Who was responsible for the raids and jailings? What is the source of the mad raids on working class halls? The source is the alliance of the bosses of San Francisco. In every city of our country the bosses have organized vicious "packs of mad wolves" to attack workers.

The raids in San Francisco, came at the peak of the strike. A short while after, the general strike was broken. The bosses used the "red scare" successfully. As a result the general strike was broken. But Minneapolis is not Frisco!

Boilermakers Send Protest to Olson

The International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers Lodge 11, has demanded that Governor Olson remove Bainbridge and Bloody Johannes. It charges them with murder. A copy of the resolution, which is signed by Maurice J. Keane, president; Louis J. Romain, treasurer, and Dave Swanson, secretary, has been forwarded to the City Council. Local 574 appreciates the support of all brother unions in the movement to put these shedders of blood out of office.

Scab Attacks Picket

Tuesday morning a six-foot scab beat up a four-foot picket at the Dispatch Laundry. It is reported that subsequent events induced the scab to regret his hasty actions; other scabs may try the same trick in the future, but this particular one has had a change of stomach. Incidentally, all eye-witnesses to the attack made in front of the Dispatch Laundry or of the trouble at the Neven Laundry are asked to communicate at once with the office of the Laundry and Dry Cleaners' Union Strike Committee at 225 So. Third St.

About 100 ladies are now active in all departments of the Auxiliary: Commissary, Hospital, selling The Organizer, collections, etc.

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kid, the cool weather that has been turned on down here is sure some help to us. Last nite i went home to the boardin house and had the first good nite's sleep i got since the strike begun. it's just like gettin yure second wind, kinda. i was down early to picket today, feelin like a new guy.

Say, i wish youd go over and speke to ma for me. she rote yestiday and is lots worried about me. she says all the gold the bosses has got aint worth me being hurt. and its true, all rite, that the bosses can never make up to us in money what there thugs of cops did to us last friday. But explain to Ma that i cant quit now—or never, for that matter. in the first place i took a vow at Harry's funeral that i would fite on til 574 won. in the 2 place, there aint no work for me up in Turtle Creek. in the 3 place, a worker mite as well be ded as let the cits alliance get a strangle holt on all the laborin men in minneapolis. and in the 4 place, i like to fite.

so tell Ma i'm all rite, and dont you worry about me ether, kid. i kin always take care a myself, and if worse comes to worse, i kin always take care of a coupla cops too. Ma will understand that, all rite, cause Pa was just like me when he was young.

emily, i kin see a time coming, and it aint so far off, when the cops or no one, aint goin to get away with killin us workers when we fite for our rites. because, if there any cops around, there goin to be workers and not dirty thugs willin to ack like dogs when the bosses give the word. because the workers is goin to own the government. i kin see now, kid, that this is what has got to be done if the majority of us people is ever goin to get a square deal outa life.

i see where the minneapolis journal had another lying story about us picketers in the paper. in the 1 place, they call the murderin that took place last friday a "riot," when anyone with the brains that god give a crabapple nos that us pickets were within our rites, and the flatfeet were responsible for all the trouble—like they always is. not one of them yellow flatfeet had nerve enuff to come around yestiday to the funeral where one of the biggest crowds that the city ever saw was no cops, and yet everything went off in apple pie order, which just goes to show that workers can take care of themselves without no dam cops around.

well, the journal goes on to say that there was former convicts and communists among the picketers, convicts, emily. do you know what makes convicts? i been thinkin this over lately, and i just found out the truth. its havin no food, no clothes, no nothin and yure Loved Ones starvin at home that makes most guys convicts. didya ever stop to think, emily, that its mostly poor guys who get sent to jail for doin stuff to rich guys. its the rich guys who steal in a big way who always get off scot free, and because the rich guys dont like poor guys havin to stea lfrom them to live, the rich guys throw the poor ones in jail and then teach us all to hate em like they was inhuman or something. but i dont hate no guys that has been in jail, emily, i just feel sorry for em, thats all.

well, the journal headline says they was communists among the picketers. then ya read the whole story and dont see another thing about communists. i guess the journal just does stuff like this to get the public down on us strikers, because lotsa people dont like communists. you would think they would learn who the public was for from the funeral procession, eh emily—but i guess papers and rich guys is always too dum to learn anything.

and before the police and the papers begin to say that some former convicts was helpin us strikers, they maybe oughta explain about some of their own men. i meant to tell ya this the other day, emily, and i plumb forgot. it seems that one of 574's biggest enemies used to make hisself a nice piece of change by pickin other guys pockets. and not that he needed the money ether, emily. i guess he just did it because he is nachurally crooked as a cork-screw.

i gotta check now, kid. theys a bunch of guys tryin to repair a truck out in back, but they dont no beans about it—your old Mike is goin out and show em how its done.

i was just thinkin a few minutes ago—remember that nite when old Emil Gunderson had his barn dance, and you and i stayed so late and then druv home just as the sun was comin up. that was beautiful, wasnt it, emily. you looked so pure and sweet. think of me.

yours, Mike.

The Rosa Luxemburg Women's League of Minneapolis has contributed ten dollars to the strike fund and volunteered aid to the Commissary.