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# The 'Elections' are a Fake!

## Bosses' Scheme to Outlaw Unionism by Scab Votes and Padded Lists Secret Circular of Employers Advisory Committee Reveals Vile Plot

The fake "election" scheme of the Citizens Alliance was clearly exposed today as a move to outlaw trade unionism by padding payroll lists with scabs and imported strike-breakers, lining them up at the places of employment under coercion, "explaining" what it required of them and how to vote, and then conveying them to the polling place in company vehicles in a style reminiscent of the worst days of corrupt politics in America. The endorsement of the U. S. Government, through its NRA boards, is sought for this strike-breaking scheme.

The details of the conspiracy came to light in reports made to the union of "straw votes" and coercive electioneering being carried on in several of the affected plants, and in the discovery of a secret circular of the Employers' Advisory Committee giving detailed instructions to the individual firms as to how to prepare and put over the frame-up.

A copy of this secret circular was put into the hands of Union officials by a member of one of the affiliated firms which has been prevented from dealing with the union by the dictation and threats of the Citizens Alliance. The circular is dated August 15, 1934, and consists of eleven separate points. Despite the cautious formulations, the intent of the instructions stands out clearly, and the coercive supervision of the Employers Advisory Committee over the individual firms in the preparation of the fake election is no less manifest than the instructions to line up the scabs and imported strike-breakers and vote them as a block.

Point 1 of the circular instructs the individual firms to prepare a list of employees in duplicate and "deliver to Committee at the earliest possible moment." Point 2 provides for "identification cards" to be furnished to each employer to be distributed to employees "just before election." These "identification cards" are to be checked by election officials against the payroll list. Nothing is said about any provision to check against "ringers" and imported strike-breakers "pinch-hitting" for bona fide employees as of July 16. Nor is there any provision for the union to check the payroll list as such.

Point 3 says: Sample ballots will be furnish-

ed and full instructions to each employer concerning these ballots."

Having disposed of these preliminary details, the secret circular of the Employers Advisory Committee gets down to the real business and instructs the individual firms how to get hold of the employees and rig the election. Just to show that the bosses take a real interest in the welfare of the workers and don't want them to make any mistakes, the employees are not to be left to their own resources. The boss is instructed to help them out and tell them what to do. Point 4 says: "Each employer should immediately call all of his eligible employes together" and have them elect a list of candidates to run against the union. Then: "The names of those selected by the employes must be sent to this Committee at once, in duplicate." The Employers Advisory Committee, you see, hasn't the slightest intention of interfering with the secrecy of the election or coercing anybody. They merely want to know the names of all the company union dummy "candidates" in advance.

Points 5 and 6 of the secret circular give detailed instructions as to the number of "candidates" to be selected according to the size of the firm—they apparently know in advance what the rules of the fake election are to be. Then the circular talks of the highly important matter of "explaining" to the employes what the election is all about—they wouldn't understand it otherwise—and instructs the employer how to handle this delicate problem.

Section 7 says: "Each employer should explain in detail the sample ballot so each employe will understand that in voting he should mark ballot in place provided, and not elsewhere, or otherwise vote will not be counted." They only neglected to add: God help the poor devil whose pencil slips and makes a mark in the place not "provided" by the employer.

From this point on the secret circular gets better and better, until the fake election they are engineering begins to look like a "free referendum" in Hitler's Germany. The individual employers are not merely told to "explain" to the slaves how they shall vote, they are also instructed to see to it that they do not stay away from the polls and go fishing.

Section 7 lays down this instruction as follows: "A definite responsibility rests upon each employer to see that every one of his LOYAL employes goes to the polls and votes. A majority rule will probably govern the election. Failure to vote may be detrimental to the interests of the employes and the employer."

Such laxity would certainly be "detrimental" to somebody. And to make sure this calamity does not occur in a single case, the Employers Advisory Committee tells how to prevent it in Point 7 of the secret circular, as follows:

**"WHEREVER POSSIBLE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EMPLOYER PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE POLLS."**

That just about takes care of everything necessary to insure that the great fake election to declare the strike non-existent, and establish company unionism with the blessing of the NRA boards and the Federal mediators, will go off smoothly. But in the event that some dumb employer doesn't understand it yet, or if by any chance the strikers should want to know where they get off in this private affair of the bosses, the Employers Advisory Committee, always ready to oblige, tells how to get more dope.

Point 11 of the secret circular is tacked on for the special benefit of those still groping in darkness. Point 11 refers you to the source of all knowledge and light about the fake election. It says: "If any further information is necessary, call: Bridgeport 1646, 1722, 1723, Atlantic 8185, or Hotel Radisson, Rooms 305 to 315." (The latter is the office of the Citizens Alliance.)

There's your election, friends, Romans and countrymen and free-born American citizens.

Isn't that just about the rawest stunt that has ever been attempted in an industrial struggle in these United States?

As a matter of fact, this is the very first time in the history of the American labor movement that any kind of an election has been undertaken, with the participation of scabs and strike breakers, during a strike.

Local 574 says: You're not going to get away with this kind of stuff in Minneapolis!

## Check Given at Convention

### Moving Ceremony as Strike Gets \$1,000 Gift

The \$1,000 donation from the International Convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers International Alliance was formally presented yesterday afternoon at Eagle's hall, Fourth avenue and Eighth street. Officers of the convention and of the Strike Committee of 100 participated in a moving ceremony while the convention paused in its business to receive a delegation of 250 strikers.

The strikers marched in military formation from Strike Headquarters to Convention hall. On their entrance, the delegates rose and cheered. Sister S. Loewe of

Chicago who played a big role in interesting the convention in the needs of the striking drivers, was then introduced. With a few brief remarks she described the nature of the strike struggle and the needs of the drivers in this long-drawn-out test of strength.

When she concluded many of the delegates eyes were wet with tears, not tears of pity but almost of joy as a feeling of solidarity swept through everyone in the hall, delegates and strikers both. The check was then presented and several members of the Strike Committee spoke. Thereafter the strikers marched out, again to the accompaniment of cheers and applause from the convention.

Last night the open house was devoted largely to hearing speakers from the convention. Among those who addressed the usual large audience were J. Seward Kerlen, President, Local 44, Chicago; President Kasman of Local 2, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Max Lehman, Business Agent, Local 325, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Carl T. Frederick,

First International Vice President, of Portland, Ore.; M. Adelman, Business Agent, Local 88, Chicago.

The Cooks and Waiters convention adjourns today and many delegates will immediately depart for their home towns. A number, however, will remain for a day longer and are expected at the Hard-Times Dance tonight.

### 574 Members Will Meet

The Strike Committee of 100 yesterday voted to call a closed membership meeting of Local 574. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear reports from the Strike Committee and the Organizing Committee on the present strike situation. The meeting was at first planned for tonight, but it proved to be impossible to get a hall large enough so that it has been postponed until Monday. The exact place and hour will be announced in tomorrow's Organizer.

### Circle Rally Enthusiastic

About 400 workers gathered at the Labor Lyceum last night to hear addresses by leaders of Local 574. The meeting was arranged under the auspices of the District Committee of the Workmen's Circle, an organization of Jewish workers which has actively supported Local 574 both in the present strike and the May strike.

Among the speakers of the evening were President Bill Brown of Local 574, Miles Dunne and Carl Skoglund of the Organizing Committee, and Albert Goldman, noted labor attorney who has served as one of the union's legal staff since the beginning of the strike. After the union speakers finished, Si Barach, a member of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, who was wounded on Bloody Friday, addressed the audience on the question of organizing unemployed workers.

All the speakers were enthusiastically received. The chairman stated that the Circle would stand by until the strikers win.

## Dance Will Start at Eight

While the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers holds a rally in Strike Headquarters at 215 South 8th street, strikers and friends will gather at a Hard Times Dance at Union Headquarters, 225 South Third street tonight. The dance will begin at 8 p. m.

The committee in charge has announced that admission will be 25 cents or up, payable either in cash or in merchandise useful to the Strike Commissary. Food, cigarettes, tobacco, razor blades and the like will be accepted for admission.

Sorenson's six-piece amateur Local 574 orchestra will provide the music. This group has been very well received at the Saturday night gatherings in Strike Headquarters.

# TONIGHT!

Hard Times Dance, 225 S. 3rd St. 8 o'Clock.  
Admission, 25 cents or more in merchandise.  
For the benefit of the Strike Commissary Fund

### Bartender Jess

"You just missed it, Davey," said the union bartender, as he drew a dark one for Mr. Joe Muller and scribbled some figures on his cuff. "A pair o' fat boys was just in here a minute ago, discussin' what kind of a settlement they would like to see made in this strike.

"One o' the bosses, a right stylish old gentleman with white fringe on his vest, sez to t'other, 'George,' he sez, 'George, old man, I ain't like some o' these employers who believes in treatin' their hands like dirt; who ain't got no more foresight than a beach comber. I believe in keepin' friendly and fair relations between employer an' employee so as all parties is satisfied an' no hard feelin's on either side. An' that's why I'm a-workin' so hard to see that this here strike is settled in th' right way so as the fair name o' Minneapolis won't be sullied throughout the nation with any more o' these disgustin' industrial disturbances."

"Yes, Mister Midas," sez George, "Thank th' Lord that you ain't like some o' our men in the Alliance that ain't got the sense t' see beyond th' tip o' their nose. Alas, there is all too few patriotic employers in this city who is willin' and eager to give th' workin' man a break."

"Well, Mister Midas just puffed up like a toad at this, and he sez, 'True for you, George. There is

"Thinkin' only of the workers, George,' sez he, 'And figurin' what is best for their own good, I think it is our first duty to see that Union 574 is—ah—dissolved at the earliest possible moment. Why, it's a shame the way the bolshevik leaders o' that Union has cheated and tricked their rank-and-file. Abscondin' with thousands o' dollars ev'ry day, they been doin', and livin' like kings all durin' this strike, while the poor dumb workers has been blind and gullible from th' very start, and doin' all th' dirty work. Th' Union must go, George, an' that's all there is to it. An' it's our boundin' duty to help our employees to see that this is done.

Here Mr. Muller cleared his throat. "Shut up, Muller," said the bartender, "always shootin' your mouth off, ain't you. It's come to th' point where a man can't get in a word edgewise with you blabbin' all over the place."

Mr. Muller subsided. "In the second place, George," went on the boss, "we got to pay more attention to th' moral life o' our employees. Now you know and I know, that there ain't nothin' so demoralizin' to a man as to have large sums o' money layin' around in his pockets just waitin' to be squandered on some tomfoolery or other. Why, I think it's a disgrace and a shirkin' o' responsibility the way some o' us has been goin' right ahead blindly, payin' our workers forty and fifty cents an hour, knowin' full well all the time o' the pitfalls that are just yawnin' for the poor misguided dumb creatures. Saloons and dance halls and what not.

"Now my idee o' a good safe wage to pay, a moral wage if you please, is thirty cents an hour. When you pay a man that wage, you can rest easy knowin' that you ain't a partner to no sin.

"An' th' third thing, George, we got t' think o' the physical well bein' o' our employees. We got to give a thought to their health. Early t' bed, and early t' rise, you know. Now my idee o' a good safe healthy workin' day is twelve hours. Give a man twelve hours a work each day, an' you can rest happy, knowin' that he will be up with th' sun, and just enough pleasantly tired at night so as he won't be in the mood to go traipsin' off to the gin-mills, but will stick right close to his own cozy fireside like he ought to."

"My gosh, Jess," said young David, "do you think all the bosses is as thoughtful and kind hearted as what these two birds are?"

"Oh, no," said the union bartender as he made a lightning gesture, capturing a fly between thumb and forefinger, "this pair was an exception. Some o' those hard-shells never give a second thought to th' welfare o' those who make their wealth possible."

—Mike

## Jobless Will Rally Tonite

### MCCW to Use 8th St. Strike Hall

While the members of 574 gather at 3rd St. tonight for a Hard-Time dance, Strike Headquarters at 215 S. 8th St. will be turned over to the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers from 8 until 10 p. m. for a mass meeting on behalf of the unemployed workers of the city.

The MCCW, to which is affiliated Local 574 and a number of other trade unions as well as general workers' organizations, has co-operated loyally with the Strike Committee of 100, and tonight's arrangement is a return of compliments by the Strike Committee. Among the speakers at the MCCW rally will be officers of that organization and strike leaders. The nature, purpose and constitution of the MCCW will be explained. Unemployed workers will be invited to join, and all friends will be asked to contribute.

An unemployed organization naturally has difficulty in securing the few pennies necessary to maintain a headquarters, provide leaflets and transportation for speakers and other essential needs. Trade unionists will be asked to help along the development of a body whose activities guarantee the unions against scabbing by the unemployed.

### WHAT IS THE MCCW?

By Karl Kuehn  
Chairman, MCCW

(So many people ask what is the MCCW, and there are so many false—many of them maliciously false—statements going out thru the boss press and radio, that **The Organizer** has requested a public statement be made by the MCCW.)

MCCW means Minneapolis Central Council of Workers. The Central Council itself consists of delegates from various workers' organizations such as trade unions, workers' political groups, workers' fraternal groups, co-operatives, youth and women's organizations of a working class nature, etc. Affiliation is open to all workers' groups which approve the MCCW features described below.

In addition there are membership branches, where all unorganized and unemployed men and women who approve those features may be members. Each branch is substantially independent and sends elected delegates to the Central Council the same as any other affiliated group.

The purpose of the MCCW is to unite and co-ordinate the activities of all workers' organizations in matters pertaining to unemployment. But affiliates remain free to follow the majority decisions of the Central Council or not, as they may decide. Questions of politics, religion or race are barred to the extent that there shall be no political, religious or racial discrimination. For example, political groups may affiliate, but only for action on questions closely related to unemployment.

Any discussion of comparative merits of political philosophies is out of order and barred. The MCCW participated in picketing in the May drivers' strike and gave an especially good account of itself in the present strike. Of the fifty pickets shot by Johannes' butchers on Bloody Friday, 11 were MCCW members. John Belor, one of the two martyred heroes of the fight, was an MCCW man. Thousands of pickets were registered through the MCCW.

Additional features of MCCW principles are: majority rule; proportional representation; freedom of expression to minorities; organizational independence to affiliates in naming representatives; participating in common actions and in matters pertaining to their own spheres; favoring the 30-hour 5-day work week; favoring Workers Unemployment Insurance as per the Lundeen Bill; opposing forced labor in any form (working for bare subsistence); favoring organization of the unorganized. Membership dues remain in the branches. All officers and dele-

### News and Views

The Minneapolis Journal has sent out letters to all newsboys intimating that rumors are making the rounds that the Journal is not maintaining a strictly unbiased attitude towards the strikers. One customer (one ??) has cancelled his subscription, the Journal confesses. The Journal requests its newsboys to reassure all subscribers of the paper's "fairness" and "impartiality."

A time is coming when the Journal will be fair to strikers—and that's when there is no more Journal. Union men and their friends know this yellow sheet, and hate it and its advertisers.

Elmer Crowl reports that he has turned down many an advertisement from firms which do not treat union men right but would like to get a good reputation by being advertised in our strike bulletin.

Yesterday the Executive of the Austin Independent Union of all Workers sent Governor Olson a telegram which stated, among other things, that "whereas the acts of the militia are being used to protect unfair trucking" they ask that the Governor "protect the interest of the people who are backing him, namely, the farmers and laborers."

Automobile Mechanics Lodge No. 382 asks that all mechanics

gates are elective, and subject to recall.

This organizational form has many advantages for workers. It obtains for unemployed and previously unorganized workers the support of Organized Labor.

It assures to Organized Labor the collaboration and intelligent co-operation of unemployed in avoiding scabbing, strike-breaking, wage cutting, chiseling against fellow-workers, and dissipation of energies in irrelevant, needless squabbles which are aimed to divide and weaken the working class. It encourages self-government of the masses by forming into small neighborhood groups where mutual problems may be freely discussed without embarrassment, and where truly democratic decisions are arrived at without undue pressure from so-called Big Shots.

In the matter of relief conditions such as ERA work, the MCCW has the great essential advantage over other forms of organization, of being based upon the relatively permanent place of residence of members instead of on constantly changing jobs, intermittent work, changing fellow-workers, inaccessibility of representatives, lack of organized discussion, uncertain voting, unstable contacts, etc.

Participation of the women, who are just as vitally affected by working and living conditions as the men, is an important feature of the MCCW form of organization.

MCCW is the logical, simple, non-political, non-sectarian means for the masses to determine their own economic conditions. At the branch meetings workers can get further information.

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who have been helping in the mechanical department at Strike Headquarters drop in to the Lodge office at 1310 Marquette Ave. and join up. Open meetings are held every Thursday night. "Local No. 382 is now ready," they announce, "to demand a square deal for all automobile workers." And if they want it, they will have to fight like the devil as 574 has shown how to do. Best luck, borthers.

Jack McCoy informs us that Louis Hoveman of the Empire-Reider Drug Co., 420 Second Ave. S., who has donated to the Strike Committee, refuses to accept shipments of merchandise consigned to him and delivered by the scab trucks of the Universal (Colonial Warehouse.) He has notified Universal that he will accept shipments only from trucks on which driver and helper have union buttons.

Clem Forsen, secretary of the MCCW, asks that all workers back up the unemployed by attending tonight's rally at Strike Headquarters, 215 S. 8th St.

"Tiny" Elmquist, first cook at the fair grounds, is considered the best cook out at the stockade so far.

Bill Henderschied, Bert Lindquist and Ernest Matt were released from the stockade yesterday.

Early yesterday two squad cars of guards played tag with a carload of four of our little men. The playful boys of 574 drove all about town until they were tired out. Then the guards pulled up and boldly told them to lay off the man they were going after. What man?

An apology is due, we are informed, the Finch brothers of Pratt's Express for the statement made about them last Friday.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, Great Northern Local 310, sends \$40 to the strike fund.

The Great Western employees at Boon Island send \$9. Thanks, brothers.

Among the cooks and waiters delegates who have donated personally to the strike fund are Brother Schapiro of New York; Max Gottfried, Pres. Local 1, New York; H. Goldstein, Local 302, New York; George Jeffrey, Worcester, Mass.

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