



Lockout at Arrowhead Co.

Local 574 Wins Majority

Bosses Fear Organization

Daily Press Buries Truth

Union Represents 61 Per Cent of Workers

The final reports on the elections bring the good news that Local 574 has won the right to represent 61% of the employees involved.

By a series of mathematical acrobatics, the press has attempted to create the impression that the Union was defeated. Much has been made of the fact that the Union won less than half of the 166 firms. Representation of firms was not the issue. The Union is interested in the men who work for these firms.

In the first place, the elections have revealed that there were 21 firms which had no employees involved. The press points to this as an indictment against us. We didn't invite these firms into the controversy. They just horned in because they saw a chance to get in a few blows at the workers.

And secondly, the mathematician-journalists failed to take this fact into consideration when they concocted their phoney analysis. So you can just throw the whole paper in the waste basket and forget that they ever thought about the subject.

The following table shows the final results:

	Firms	Total Votes
Won by 574.....	62	724
Ties.....	15	102
Total won and tied.....	77	826
Won by bosses.....	68	536
No vote.....	21	
Totals.....	166	1362

Under the law, if the Union wins a majority of the votes, it becomes the representative of all the workers involved in the election. Conversely, if the Union loses a majority of the votes, it can represent none of the workers.

The Union won 62 firms in which a total of 724 votes were cast. Therefore, the Union represents all of these 724 workers. It is true that all of these workers do not belong to the Union. However, it is equally true that the non-members will be quick to join when they see the gains which the Union will bring to them.

In 15 firms a tie vote was cast, representing a total of 102 votes. In these cases, the Union wins the right to represent the 51 who voted for it. Technically, the other 51 are not represented, but the facts are that these workers will receive the same benefits that the union workers receive, and they too will be quick to join.

Representation means the right of the Union to bring benefits to the workers. The Union has established the right to bring benefits to 826 of the workers who participated in the election. They represent 61% of the workers who voted.

Representation was lost to the remaining 39% of the workers—temporarily. Plans have already been made and the work is under

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Score: Union 284, Bosses 77

Committee to Propose Organizational Plans to Petroleum Workers

Meeting to Be Held Friday, September 14

The petroleum workers division of Local 574 has taken up anew the problems of organization work and negotiations with the employers.

At a closed meeting held last Friday, the immediate organizational problems of the oil workers were outlined by members of the Organization Committee, and a plan of action was outlined.

As the first step in carrying out this plan, a sub-committee of six, consisting of three station attendants, two drivers, and one maintenance man, was elected. This committee has been instructed to confer with the leading committee of the Union and bring in a definite program for the consideration and approval of the membership in the oil group at their next meeting.

The petroleum drivers, station attendants, warehouse and maintenance men will meet again Friday, September 14, 9 p. m., at 225 South 3rd Street.

The decisions made at this meeting will determine the future policy of the organized petroleum workers.

If you are a petroleum worker, and a member of Local 574, it is important for you to attend.

Coal Workers Meet Monday

With the coal season rapidly approaching, it becomes necessary that the Union watch carefully to see that the coal bosses continue to live up to their agreement.

The Union has sent letters to all the companies involved, reminding them that they are expected to return the workers to their jobs according to their seniority rights and that they must continue to pay the Union scale.

For the purpose of a general check-up on the present conditions, and to hold a consultation about the winter program for the coal workers, a meeting will be held at 225 S. 3rd St., Monday, Sept. 17, at 8 p. m.

If you are a coal worker, employed or unemployed, it is important that you be at this meeting.

Request Filed for Wage Arbitration in 77 Firms

In accordance with the terms of settlement, Local 574 has already filed with the Regional Labor Board a formal request for arbitration of the wage scale for those workers who voted for Union representation.

Grant Dunne and Farrell Dobbs will represent the Union in the arbitration.

Those members who are employed by firms not a part of the 166 and who did not participate in the elections are already represented by the Union and will be paid the scale arrived at through the arbitration.

We list below the 77 firms who have been called upon to meet with the Union representatives to arbitrate the wage scale.

- Acme Transfer Co.
- American Fruit & Produce Co.
- Aslesen, K.
- Armstrong Transfer Co.
- Bearman Fruit Co.
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- Boutell Bros.
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- Boyd Transfer Co.
- Brugger Bros. Transfer Co.
- Casey Hoban Transfer Co.
- Cameron Transfer Co.
- Cardoza Furniture Co.
- Central Supply Co.
- Commercial Transfer & Storage Co.
- Cooperman Fruit Co.
- Dakota Packing Co.
- Davis & Ruben Co.
- Donaldson Co., L. S.
- Falk Paper Co.
- Footo Lumber Co.
- Freidman Fruit Co.
- Glenwood-Inglewood Co.
- Gamble-Robinson Co.
- Glidden Co., The
- Hall Hardware Co.
- Hecks Transfer Co.
- Hempel Transfer Co.
- Jacob Feinberg & Co.
- Jensen Lumber Co.
- Johnson Paper & Supply Co.
- Jordan-Stevens Co.
- Katz Packing Co.
- Katzmarek Co., O. M. S.
- Kedney Warehouse Co.
- Land-O-Nod Co.
- Landry Transfer Co.
- Landers-Morrison-Christianson Company
- Lambert Transfer Co.

- Log Cottage Co.
- Luger Furniture Co.
- Malat Co., Phil
- Minneapolis Transfer & Warehouse Co.
- Melone-Bovey Lumber Co.
- Minneapolis - St. Paul Truck Terminal
- Morris Fruit Co.
- Murphy Transfer & Storage Co.
- Naas Bros. Fruit Co.
- Nash Coffee Co.
- Nathanson Fruit & Produce Co.
- Neisen-Turner Co.
- New England Furniture & Carpet Co.
- North West Fruit & Produce Company
- North West Terminal Co.
- Olson Fruit Co., Eng
- Palmer Co., S. G.
- Pratt's Express Co.
- Reliable Transfer Co.
- Rifkin & Co.
- Rose Bros. Lumber & Supply Company
- Rosenzweig & Sons Co., J.
- Saliterman Fruit Co.
- Sawyer-Cleator Lumber Co.
- Schirmer & Strasburg Transfer Company
- Skellet Co.
- Stacy Co., E. P.
- Stein Co., Leon K.
- Swanson, Inc., Nels
- Sterling Cartage Co.
- Thompson Lumber Co.
- U. S. Fruit Co.
- Westlund - Westerberg Lumber Company
- Widholm Transfer Co.
- Williams Hardware Co.
- Witt's Market House, Inc.
- Wunder-Klein-Donohue Co.

574 to Give Stag Party

At its regular meeting Monday evening the local union set up a committee which will be more than busy during the coming days.

The proposal for a huge stag party was received with enthusiasm by the members. The understanding is that this will be something different in the way of stags. Judging by the composition of the committee, the members and their friends will have the time of their lives.

The date and place will be announced later when plans have been perfected.

Machinists' Union Forms Picket Line

Two hundred workers, employees of the Arrowhead Steel Products Co., were locked out Monday morning when they came to the plant located at 1101 Stinson Blvd.

This company, which has grown rich through the sale of wrist pins, pistons, and other steel and aluminum auto parts, has consistently refused to pay the workers a living wage.

The workers in the factory turned to the union for help. The International Association of Machinists had already enrolled the majority of the workers in this plant and had opened negotiations with the management.

The meager wages paid by Arrowhead, 35, 40, 42 cents per hour, in return for labor, which in most cases requires considerable skill, created a condition of dissatisfaction. The employees of the company in full accord with their committee and Herman Hussman, business agent for the machinists, demanded an agreement with the union.

The employers launched an under cover campaign to intimidate the workers and discredit the union. Failing in the initial effort to keep their employees from organizing, the bosses gave an evasive reply to the unions demand for negotiations by an overt play for a blacklist. They suggested that the union officials submit the list of employees who were members of the union—to be checked against their payroll.

Hussman, an experienced union organizer, refused to consider this arrogant demand, and in turn proposed to proceed in an orderly manner through the Regional Labor Board. The union addressed the Board. The Board in turn, on September 6, advised the union that the Arrowhead had agreed to submit its payroll lists to the Regional Labor Board.

Later developments prove that the Arrowhead Co. had no intentions of adhering to the method of open negotiation.

While writing the union and the Labor Board that they were willing to submit to a test to determine whether or not the union was to represent the employees, they proceeded with plans to set up a company union. The bosses called the workers together and used all, or almost all, of the familiar tricks of the bosses to set up "company representation," an old boss scheme, and promised to "settle" with the workers without the help of the real union.

When the workers rejected these proposals, the bosses realized that they must either deal with the workers through their own organization or prepare for a fight. They chose the most vicious course possible. They decided to lock the workers out.

This company, which is closely connected with the large banks and the Citizens Alliance, carried through the lockout in the most cowardly manner. The notice, which instructed the workers to call for their final check and announced the closing of the plant, was posted on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 11:30 a. m. It was dated Sept. 8 in order to give the public the impression that they had notified the workers on the last day of

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

The National Picket Line

From a chart appearing in the *New York Times*, one learns that the first six months of 1934 saw as much strike activity as the entire year of 1933, and equalled the combined years of 1931 and 1932. But the strike activity of the first half of this year was as nothing compared with struggles of the workers which have developed since the first of July. And as the bosses' brutal starvation program is nailed with ever more cruelty onto the cross of the working class, it is safe to predict that the strike wave will continue rising to unprecedented heights as cold weather adds its misery to the long hours and slave wages.

Textile Workers Bury Dead

The feature strike continues, of course, to be the fight put up by our brothers and sisters in the textile mills. On Saturday, 15,000 workers streamed into Honca Path, South Carolina, to take part in the funeral services for the six strikers shot down by gangsters last Thursday. These gangsters were hired by the owners of the Chiquola Mill for the express purpose of dishing out violence to the working men and women who have dared to stand up and fight the bosses. The names of the dead workers belong with those of Ness and Belor on the honor roll of labor's heroes—glorious martyrs, these men are at one and the same time a fighting symbol to all workers, and an eternal reproach to the "New Deal" and the American boss class. Those slain were Lee Crawford, R. T. Yarborough, E. M. Knight, Ira Davis, Claude Cannon and Maxie Peterson. Thousands of workers pressed patiently about an improvised platform under the boiling sun, as for hours speakers told of the death of the six men and the cause for which they gave their lives.

On Saturday, 4,000 independent textile workers in Woonsocket, R. I., voted to join the general textile strike. Fifty companies of national guardsmen, backed up by thousands of special debs and thugs, are on guard at mills in North and South Carolinas.

Strikes in Chicago

On Wednesday last, owners of Chicago's cleaners and dyers industry proclaimed a lockout. The workers immediately turned the situation into a general strike, and mass picketing has forced the closing of 98% of the city's shops. Demands of the strikers include a 40-hour week, union recognition, higher wages, and abolition of piece work.

Pressure from the rank and file has forced the leaders of the Street Car and "L" branches of the Amalgamated to proclaim support of the strike of the bus drivers, which is now continuing into its fifth week. Picketing continues despite vicious attacks on the workers by the police and the gunmen who have been hired by the bus company as strike-breakers.

The street car walkout of 1,700 Detroit street car workers has been diverted for the time being by the labor fakery at the head of the Street Railway Men's Union, who are working hand in glove with local politicians to divert the rising sentiment for a fight into peaceful channels. This is done by playing the bus drivers against the street car workers and thereby splitting up the united front action against the bosses.

Onions

Because of tremendous resentment against deputies, and because public opinion is firmly with the exploited strikers, the 50 special debs who have been hired by the bosses to guard strike-breakers in the onion fields near McGuffey, Ohio, were ordered withdrawn at the end of last week. Our brothers in the Ohio onion fields who have been receiving but 12c an hour up until the strike, are militantly carrying on their struggle despite the most brutal attacks on their ranks, the arrest, kidnapping and beating of their leaders, etc.

100,000 More

On October 1st, 100,000 clothing workers throughout the nation will go on strike unless the bosses meet the union's demand for a 36-hour week, according to an order

issued by the executive committee of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union.

Aluminum Sell-out

The one-month strike of 8,700 aluminum workers at the six plants of Mellons Aluminum Company of America has finally been "settled" by a secret agreement made between bosses and the top union officials. The strikers did not have a damn thing to say in the matter, which, according to *The Organizer's* way of looking at things, is exactly the wrong way to end a strike. The only way the workers can ever force a favorable settlement from the bosses is for the entire union membership to take a vote on all proposals submitted, for the entire rank and file to decide whether or not proposals should be accepted or refused.

Bullets, No Bread

On September 6, 4,000 unemployed massed before the relief department in Phoenix, Arizona, demanding increased relief. Immediately every cop in the city was called out. The police began their attack without warning. Tear gas bombs were sprung. Police cars drove headlong into the massed workers, hitting many and running over and killing one man, Cota, an unemployed Mexican. At least 70 other men and women were seriously wounded as the police mercilessly clubbed the workers. The workers fought back bravely, seizing the bombs and hurling them back, fighting back with rocks, and rallying their ranks to rescue their fallen brothers. After the demonstration, police went around the city arresting several dozen militant workers. Governor Moeur, a Ku Kluxer, has ordered the national guard to stand ready for mobilization. Naturally, Minneapolis workers were told nothing of this affair by the *Journal* and the rest of the boss press.

With Our Foreign Brothers

For six weeks, printers in Dublin, Ireland, have been on strike, preventing publication of newspapers.

Last Wednesday 11,000 trolley and bus workers in Tokyo, Japan, went out on strike because of lay-offs and pay cuts resulting from reorganization of the transport system. Attempts are being made to run cars and busses with seabs. The Japanese bosses are making furious attempts to terrorize the strikers by arresting and beating all militant workers.

On Friday, the Commercial Graphic Arts Union of Mexico City voted a sympathy strike with the textile workers in the United States as a protest against "useless murders committed by armed forces in that country."

The strike of the Costa Rican banana workers is being carried forward with the utmost militancy. All the forces of the government and the United Fruit Company have not been able to break the workers' ranks. Strikers are arming themselves after a series of murderous attacks, and assert that they are waiting for the government to fire the first shot, when will respond shot for shot. According to the *New York Times* for Sunday, strike leaders say, "The President declares he will act according to law, but we shall act according to justice." All banana shipments have been forced to suspend because of the strike, and the American tourist traffic to this island has been paralyzed. Four workers were shot to death by police in a militant demonstration of thousands of farmers and workers in Madrid, Spain, on September 8. A general strike has been declared at Oviedo in protest against the reactionary policies of the church-dominated government in that province of Spain.

And another week of the never-ending class war passes into history.

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Bosses Fear Organization

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work and to make sure that the workers would spend carfare and make the long trip to the factory on Monday morning.

Having gotten the facts, the workers proceeded to the union hall in the Temple Garage, 1310 Marquette, organized the necessary action committees and sent out their picket line. They acted as disciplined union men and women should act.

The machinists' local union has taken full charge and is preparing to carry the fight to the Arrowhead Co. Herman Hussman declared today that the action of Arrowhead is indicative of the attitude of many bosses in the metal workers field, and said that the union is prepared to have an understanding with the other bosses at this time.

If negotiations fail, the organization is also prepared for action all along the line.

Several local unions have already pledged support to the machinists and the Arrowhead workers, as well as the rest of the members of their union, can count upon the hearty and ready assistance of Local 574.

The strikers are preparing for a real struggle and have pushed plans for the equipment of the Strike Headquarters with commissary, picket dispatching and meeting facilities.

Daily meetings will be held for the workers involved and arrangements are also being made for public meetings at the same hall, 1310 Marquette avenue.

The machinists' union is conducting a real campaign and has already organized thousands of auto mechanics. An important meeting of auto workers, that is all workers in public garages, has been called for Thursday night, 8 p. m., at the Temple Garage.

It is especially important at this time that every garage worker be prepared to work shoulder to shoulder with his brother unionists to secure wage increases. The

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union is prepared to carry this responsibility, and success is assured if the garage men stand ready as an organized body.

The Arrowhead Steel Products workers have been forced into a fight. They do not stand alone. Auto workers, machinists, brother union men and women are responding to the call for support. Workers generally will be quick to follow.

The Arrowhead bosses will not get away with this threat to workers' freedom.

Officers of Morro Castle:

"An international radical organization was responsible for the blaze."

Fire department officials: "The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion."

Personally, we think the reds did it. They caused the drouth, didn't they?

Probably Haas and Dunnigan got the word from Trotzky: "Give the works to the Morro Castle," he must have ordered.

And, fresh from their Minneapolis victory of putting across the 574 Soviet, Haas and Dunnigan gleefully went to work on the ship.

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The Textile Strike

(Reprinted from The Nation)

The threatened textile workers' strike is the logical outcome of more than a year of inertia and mismanagement on the part of the NRA. When the cotton-textiles code, the first of the NRA codes, was approved last summer, it aroused great hopes for the improvement of labor conditions in one of the most sweated industries in the country. But the employers have used the code to prolong and reinforce evils long extant in the mills of the industrial South. To all of this, the NRA has manifested a bland indifference. If the workers walk out, they will be striking as much against the government's failure to redeem the promise of the code as against their employers' failure to introduce a new era.

Basic among the grievances of the Southern workers is the "stretch-out"—the system whereby employers increase the machine load per worker in order to offset minimum wage rates which of course augment the former scale. The stretch-out is by no means new in the cotton-textile industry. Under the NRA, however, it has been carried to a point where flesh and blood can no longer tolerate the ever-accelerating pace of the machine process. The Cotton Textile National Industrial Relations Board was created primarily to deal with the stretch-out problem. In practice the board has refused to regard the stretch-out per se as a code violation. On some few occasions it has corrected instances of flagrant "overloading," but the burden of proof has rested upon the workers. And the board has been deaf to suggestions that employers apply to it for a license before being permitted to increase machine loads.

The handling of labor complaints by both the State and national boards has also exasperated the Southern mill workers. Procedure is cumbersome and slow, adjustments few and far between. Moreover, the essential idea is all wrong. Individual complaints are not investigated and adjusted by the boards themselves. Instead, the complaints go to the national board, which transmits them to the Cotton Textiles Institute, an employers' body pure and simple. In short, employers are brought in to pass final and exclusive judgment on the wrongs committed by their fellows upon wage-earners.

Unlike most of the other industrial-relations boards, the Cotton Textile Board has failed to project a theory of Section 7-a which would advance union recognition

and the execution of collective agreements. On the contrary, relying on the literal text of the code, the national and State boards have busied themselves with promoting the establishment of "mill committees." Such committees are supposed to come into being from time to time to mediate specific grievances in individual mills. Inherent in the composition of these committees is the company-union ideal—the employee representatives must be fellow-workers. So far as they constitute machinery for collective bargaining in any sense, the mill committees are spasmodic—created after the event rather than before. Confined in function to averting strikes, they do not bear in the least on the essential element in collective bargaining, the bilateral contract.

Finally, the Southern workers have failed to receive even the modest minimum wages which the code seemingly guarantees to them. First, there has been continuous evasion by employers secure in the knowledge that the machinery of enforcement creaks and is paralyzed. Second, even when code wages have been paid, management has offset this by raising rentals on company houses and prices in company stores. Third, when the cotton-textile industry, some months back, entered upon a program of curtailing production, working hours were reduced but wage rates remained as they were. Thus weekly earnings, already pitifully low, were reduced still further.

—By J. W.

Fargo Drivers Build Union

Brother Myles Dunne was given a 30-day leave of absence by the membership of 574 Monday night to go to Fargo, N. D., at the request of the Drivers' Local Union of that city.

The Fargo local, recently organized, was visited earlier in the summer by Brother Wm. Brown and Myles Dunne, who gave our Fargo brothers information and some organizational assistance at that time.

During the following weeks, while 574 was engaged in a battle with the Minneapolis bosses, the Fargo union gained members and grew into an organization capable of representing the interests of the drivers and helpers. Brother Dunne will assist in presenting demands to the bosses and in doing the general work required by this procedure.

The members of 574 presented Brother Myles with a handsome traveling bag as a token of their good wishes. The motion adopted by 574 provides that he may be recalled on ten days' notice to take up his regular duties here, if the need arises.

Police Are Rewarded for Clubbing Workers

If any misunderstanding exists about the function of the present bank and boss dominated City Council, it will be dispelled by a review of the action of that body at Monday's session.

There the aldermen voted, 22 to 2, granting the police \$98,000 in extra pay for the job of beating up the pickets in the May strike. Not satisfied with this "small" demonstration of solidarity with thugs and murderers, and as though to show their real contempt for ordinary workers, these representatives of the "people" proceeded to a second task.

This consisted in turning down a proposal for funds to pay up back wage cuts to other city employees. Thus the bosses take care of their own.

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Banners Are Shock To the Rat Bosses

Laundry Union Opens Drive Against Discrimination

The Progressive Cleaning and Dyeing Company, located at 228 East Hennepin, is being bannered by the Laundry Workers Local 18005.

This plant is one of the most notorious labor-hating sweat shops in the cleaning industry. The profit mad bosses in charge of this establishment have consistently refused to recognize the union and they refuse to pay a wage which even approximates the union scale.

Not content to pay the workers only a miserable starvation wage, the bosses make their exploitation doubly effective by dribbling a pittance into the workers' hands at infrequent intervals. There is no such thing as a regular pay day.

All union men and women in Minneapolis should rally to the support of the laundry workers to rid the city of such cancers as this.

Another equally vicious exploiter of labor is the State Cleaners, a branch of the Century Cleaners of St. Paul. This firm will not allow the workers their legal right to be represented by the union, and it insists upon maintaining its timeworn practice of paying the workers less than half enough to provide a decent living. They too will continue to receive militant attention from the workers until such time as they see fit to operate under union conditions.

In general, the bosses in the cleaning industry are carrying on a constant warfare against the union. But in every instance they have been effectively checkmated by the union leadership.

At the Dinsmore Cleaners an attempt was made to fire a silk spotter allegedly because he was not fast enough.

The union committee brought the case before the arbitration board, after the boss had refused to discuss the matter with them directly, and the case was proven to be such an obvious discrimination that even two of the bosses on the arbitration board voted to put the worker back on his job. The truth is that he was fired for going out during the recent laundry workers' strike and for refusing to sign a petition to Governor Olson which would have permitted the company to get a military permit during the drivers' strike. The boss took a good lacing in this case.

The Whitney Cleaners have long observed the practice of holding up part of the workers' pay. They aren't going to do this any more. Not because they have suddenly changed their ideas of right and wrong, but because their

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Local 574 has unanimously endorsed the striking machinists at the Arrowhead Co., 1101 Stinson boulevard. When 574 says support they mean just that. Let's give these brothers a real boost. Place yourself at the disposal of the Strike Committee at 1310 Marquette.

Brother Harry De Boer, who is slowly getting that broken leg mended at St. Barnabas hospital, has moved upstairs to a new room—No. 313. Harry says he is not at all superstitious and the room number means more sunshine and a better place to get some real sleep. Nothing else. We can expect to have Harry with us at the Stag.

The regular payment of dues to the union is an important obligation of every member. Some of the brothers are a bit careless about this. The active 574 man keeps this in mind and does his best to see that others do not forget.

workers have joined the union. During the last five months this firm has held up \$444 in pay from five workers. When these workers came into the union and told the committee about their troubles, the committee went after the boss tooth and nail.

The boss is now making up this back pay, and he isn't going to try this racket again. He has learned a lesson.

Local 18005 meets Thursday, September 13, 8 p. m., at 225 S. 3rd Street.

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This is shameful! Think what this will mean to private fuel dealers.

Wait till the bosses get word to Roosevelt about this. He'll fix things.

The New Deal will plow under every third row of box cars. And dump the rest on the Russian market, to be made into breakfast food for the poor starving peasants.

We can't have this sort of thing going on. Giving fuel to the unemployed! The idea! What IS the country coming to?

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Daily Press Buries Truth

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way which is necessary to rescue these men from the bosses. Indications of quick results are already evident.

The battle over the protested ballots was a hot one. The Union committee fought tooth and nail to protect the workers from defeat through "ringers" which the bosses tried to stuff into the ballot box.

Brothers Jack Severson, Benny Levin, and Tommy Smith served on this committee. They did their work well. The results of the Labor Board's decisions regarding the protested votes is a tribute to their efficiency. The Union won 284 of the 361 workers involved.

Once again the Regional Labor Board demonstrated that it is not capable of protecting the rights of the workers. The releasing of information regarding the partial results of the voting in the firms where there were ballots under protest made it impossible to preserve the secrecy of these votes. Without the rigorous protests of the Union, the Board would have permitted the hearings to be conducted under the bosses' program wherein the employees would have been subjected to constant intimidation.

The elections are over. Another milestone has been passed.

The organization campaign goes on with added impetus.

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The Giant Stirs

Labor, that sleeping giant who is the very backbone of civilization, is beginning to stir. For centuries he has stumbled along in a stupor, walled up by a paper shell of ignorance—not stupidity, but ignorance of his rights, of his might, of the true conditions of his existence.

He has plied his tools or shouldered his rifle at the command of his capitalist master. He has borne the callosities of toil and the wounds of battle with scarce a murmur of protest. He was contented with the pittance he received. He knew of nothing better.

This flimsy shell has been carefully preserved and protected by the bosses. They have built an intricate network of agencies for the spreading of false doctrines. At a tender age, the worker is subjected to this vicious propaganda which is so detrimental to him. With the beginning of his schooling comes the first teachings of the sanctity of property rights over human rights and the idea of production for private profit. He is taught to abhor the idea of slavery, and at the same time carefully educated to be a model slave, an industrial slave.

As he grows to manhood, and for the rest of his days, the worker is constantly besieged by a myriad of false ideas. Wherever he turns, to the newspapers, to magazines, to books, to the radio, or to the motion pictures, he finds this confusing propaganda.

He is told about James J. Hill, Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, how they became successful. But not a word does he hear about the people at whose expense these men gained their success. Not a word about the workers who toiled under slave-like conditions for these men. No mention is made about the thousands of small investors who were robbed by these "captains of industry." They are held up as heroes.

The boss would be highly pleased if the workers' knowledge was limited to an understanding of commands only. But this is not the case, the workers will get together and talk. In the course of these conversations they are bound to make some mention of their common plight, the burden of exploitation. This might lead them to take united action to benefit themselves. The boss must guard against this eventuality.

He uses the agencies in his control to create prejudice in the ranks of the workers. The Swede, the Jew, and the Irishman are taught to look upon one another with distrust. The white man is taught to hate the black man and both to hate the yellow man. Then, finally, the workers are divided according to religious creed.

The forces opposed to Labor do not make these discriminations. We quote from Albert Goldman's address at the funeral of Henry Ness, 574's first martyr:

"when the police are instructed to shoot workers, they are not told to make distinctions between races, nationalities, colors, creeds, or political persuasions. They are told to shoot militant workers. . . ."

So the bosses have proceeded since the birth of capitalism. They teach the workers to measure the economic system by false standards, they poison the minds of the workers by fake reporting of the news events, and they divide the ranks of the workers by creating false prejudices.

But something new is happening. The last five years have been a record of acute misery and suffering to the workers.

The paper shell of ignorance is crumbling. The workers have begun to think. They are uniting their forces. The great giant stirs! Slowly, he will awaken!

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Law, Workers And Officials

Why Doesn't the Government Act?

In the New York Nation of Sept. 5 appears an editorial by Oswald Garrison Villard, descendant of William Lloyd Garrison, which is of a special significance to Minneapolis workers whose hearts still burn with loathing and bitter resentment at the actions of the police on Bloody Friday.

Mr. Villard feels that there is one duty which President Roosevelt ought to perform immediately, a duty above all others. "I refer," states Mr. Villard, "to the necessity of his lifting his voice against the ever-increasing official lawlessness in this country, the readiness of men in office everywhere to consider themselves above and beyond the law, with the right to decide which citizens shall and which shall not obey any given statute. I have particularly in mind also the way the local law-enforcing authorities, whose duty it is to be absolutely neutral, continually side with the employing class. This . . . has made me realize that the failure of our officials themselves to respect and obey the law has more to do with our general lawlessness than any other reasons for it.

"The most important happening along this line has been, of course, General Johnson's conduct in San Francisco, where, after denouncing the shipowners because they had failed to give the right of collective bargaining to the striking longshoremen, he proceeded to say that those who were engineering the general strike constituted "a threat to the community," "a menace to government," "civil war," "bloody insurrection," "a blow at the flag of our common country." He then said: "If the federal government did not act, the people would act, and it would act to wipe out this subversive element as you clean off a chalk mark on the blackboard with a wet sponge." This was all that the vigilantes needed. That day they began their raids, which have since turned out to be really police raids, undertaken probably at the instigation of the big-business interests of San Francisco. . . . Yet the victims and the men against whom General Johnson fumed were well within their rights, were doing nothing illegal, and had jeopardized the success of their undertaking by opening the road for food supplies and other necessities to reach the population. No one can measure the effect which such incitement to lawlessness has upon the country.

"Nor can anyone measure the effect upon the plain people of the United States of seeing police lawlessness and brutality at close range. They behold the police entering homes without warrant, subjecting innocent people, as well as the guilty, to the illegal third degree, and beating up unarmed prisoners whenever it suits their convenience. They know that in strike after strike the police side with the employers."

Villard then instances several of the most outstanding cases of police lawlessness and brutality: the beating up and jailing of Jerry Raymond in Hardin County, Ohio, for peacefully and lawfully picketing during the onion strike; the policeman who unlawfully arrested the Rev. Muste in Blueville, Illinois, and later swore in court that he thought he had the right to overrule the Constitution of the United States and violate Mr. Muste's constitutional privileges whenever he thought there was an emergency.

From his observations on all this gross unlawful and anarchistic activity of the employers and those in public office, Villard draws two conclusions. First, he rightly states that acts like these are blows at the government of the United States itself, are worse acts than any Communists could possibly have perpetrated. Here we are in agreement with Mr. Villard.

But Mr. Villard seems to believe that if Roosevelt is mildly rebuked for standing by while all this criminal activity is carried on by the employers working in connivance with the police that he, Roosevelt, will or can turn on those responsible—the General Johnsons, the employers, the savage police—and upbraid them for their complete failure to uphold

Labor Looks at the Press

From the New York Militant: "If Minneapolis did not originate this terrific tactic (the flying squadron), it developed it to a point of perfection. It emphasized dramatically for the whole labor movement the value of the squads as a weapon to counteract the new strike weapons of the employers, vomit gas, riot cars and sub-machine guns."

Brothers, you ain't seen nothin' yet. And we've still got a few new ones up our sleeve for the next time.

From the Milwaukee Leader: "Milwaukee will soon 'welcome' a distinguished visitor, Michael (Bloody Mike) Johannes, Minneapolis police chief who is charged by truck strikers in that city with ordering his men to shoot the workers if they did not leave the picket lines. Johannes, according to Minneapolis papers, is coming to Milwaukee on a strange errand—to learn how police here deal with criminals." And you must send up that manager of the street railway company who electrocuted a worker during the Milwaukee strike.

News and Views

Truck drivers' shoes are not made to walk on fancy carpets. Those are for the boss only. The Nicollet hotel is in a quandary as to whether it should sue 574 or the Labor Board for the wear and tear on its carpets during the hearings on the protested ballots.

Herbert Solow was voted an honorary membership in Local 574 at last night's meeting.

An Irishman, a Jew, and a Doubting Thomas. What a committee!

Watch for the announcement of the new Workers' club.

The next regular membership meeting will be held Monday, September 24.

MCCW North Branch meets Thursday, September 13, at the Labor Lyceum, 6th and Irving Avenues N.

The bosses are trying to get affidavits from the men whose votes were challenged. Their licking was so thorough that they still can't believe it.

Who was asleep on what hard mattress? We have had so many squawks from married men named Tommy that we are sorry we brought the subject up.

Be careful, boys! They's a dictaphone in that thar room.

The independent truck owners meet Wednesday, September 12, at 225 S. 3rd St.

Have you ever seen the Jailbird Hop? Come to headquarters Saturday night and bathe your soul in the delights of the terpsichorean syncopanta, or something.

the sanctity of the Constitution and of all law, "many of them faithless through their complete ignorance of both our laws and the Constitution."

Here we believe that Mr. Villard can justly be accused of being naive to extreme. From what we workers have seen of President Roosevelt in action, we see no reason to believe that he is in the least bit interested in seeing that the rights of working men and women, as guaranteed in our laws, are upheld. In this respect, Roosevelt is not one whit less a slave to big business than was his predecessor, Hoover. Why should not we believe that Mayor Bainbridge and Johannes are playing the same game on a local scale that Roosevelt and Co. are playing in the national arena?

Union 574 continues to believe that the only way to meet the criminal and murderous lawlessness of the employers and their tools in the seats of government is for workers to jealously assert at all times their determination to fight for their rights, to struggle against the anarchy of the bosses. Workers can depend only upon their own forces. Liberty is a precious thing; ceaseless vigilance is the only way to protect it.

We workers in Minneapolis welcome "welcome" him, too.

From the New York Times: "The idea of woman's rights politics was condemned today by Chancellor Hitler as 'a product of decadent Jewish intellectualism.' While he makes his supreme sacrifices on the field of battle, woman fights her supreme battle for her nation when she gives life to a child. The conception of so-called woman's equality is a product of decadent Jewish intellectualism."

You will, Hitler, pick up the marbles.

Laughs from The American Guardian, Oklahoma City:

"General Johnson says the conduct of labor in shutting down business in San Francisco for three days is high treason."

"Say, Brass Button, what in the Sam Hill would you call the conduct of your capitalist buddies when they shut down their establishments for our years, bankrupted hundreds of thousands of merchants, bled three-fourths of the farmers, and threw five million workers on the streets for nothing?"

"Capitalism is just one game after another. Now the strikers have the moral support of the government, the opposition of its armed forces is getting more hard-felled."

"The really New Deal is here when our gas is used to prevent factory owners from shutting their plants in the face of willing workers."

From the New York Times:

"Catholic priests in Lewiston are urging hundreds of men and women employed in the textile mills of that city not to join the strike, pointing out it would mean more to them and their families to remain at their machines than to walk out on strike."

'Cause there'll be pie in the sky by and by, eh!

From the Chicago Daily News editorial columns:

"The result of the vote just taken among the truck drivers in Minneapolis bears out the charge that the two transport strikes there were revolutionary in character. After two strikes called by professional agitators whose common aims and affiliations could not be covered up by New Deal pussy-footery, the vote of the workers to secret balloting disclosed that the men working for many trucking firms utterly repudiated the leadership of the strikes."

Why there ain't no one in here but flocks of chickens, mistah.

Secretary of War Dern: "I deplore the use of the militia in industrial conflicts."

But the national guard's guns still go boom boom in South Carolina, you tub little man.

Ex-president Hoover in the Saturday Evening Post:

"Proper action in relief of distress is inherent in the social vision of the true American system. No American should go hungry or cold if he is willing to work."

Tell that to the marines, Herby—or better yet, to the Bonus Army, which you fed with tear gas when they asked for bread.

Africa speakst and so, lastly, we give the floor to Massa Joe Cochran, employers' advisory committee shak:

"A statewide campaign of education in the matter of economic disturbances of the past few months, their cause, their effect and their cure is most urgently needed. . . . Toward Guilford, Twin City Journalist and radio speaker (?), has volunteered to lead such a movement, working in co-operation with all agencies now trying to restore conditions of normalcy and eliminate the regrettable spirit of class hatred. . . . The ability of Mr. Guilford will not be doubted. . . . provided the necessary support is extended by business men and public spirited citizens interested in the future of the state."

Public spirited like you and Hitler and Maggi, Massa Cochran?

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