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Ness - Belor Memorial Saturday

CORCORAN CONTINUES ATTACKS ON MEMBERS OF LOCAL NO. 574

**Demands That Member of
Dual Union Haul Goods to
Milk Drivers Picnic**

**Local 574 Asks of Members
of Milk Drivers Support
Corcoran Tactics**

The role played by Pat Corcoran, business agent of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, in connection with the revocation of 574's charter is one that should reflect discredit on anyone, even remotely connected with the interests of the labor movement. As further proof that he has been actively engaged in carrying on a campaign tending to a destruction of Local 574, the following facts are submitted.

On Monday, June 24, at 12:30 p. m. in the Nicollet hotel, Corcoran, Speilman, Geary and John Wing met with a group of Minneapolis bosses. The object of the meeting was to so reorganize the driving industry as to eliminate Local 574 as a factor. This meeting did not produce the desired results. Following this another meeting was held by Geary, Corcoran and Hall with the Daily Star, the Hennepin and Kelly transfer companies. In this conference they attempted to induce the employers to compel the men who were all members of Local 574 to drop that organization and become members of the new dual driving union they are attempting to organize. Following this there was some lull in Corcoran's activities but he was not yet through playing the role of disrupter and traitor. A short time later Hall and Corcoran met with a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. In this meeting they attempted to secure the cooperation of Minneapolis employers, who are members of the Chamber of Commerce, to put a fight on Local 574, pointing out to them that the General Drivers Union had engaged in violent strikes and were conducting organizational activities, etc., etc. They painted a picture for the employers, attempting to show the leadership of Local 574 as being dangerous elements to the labor movement. While no minutes of the meeting are available, there is no doubt that they promised to give the employers a "safe and sane drivers' union" if the employers would assist them in their disruptive and abortive attempt. Fortunately the Chamber of Commerce was not interested in erecting another drivers' union in Minneapolis and as a result this conference was also productive of no results. Corcoran, however, was not easily discouraged. He recently attempted to induce a member

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War in Ethiopia Is Italian Plot

The alleged cause for the present conflict between Italy and Ethiopia is the result of a series of border incidents along Eritrea some months ago. Several Italian soldiers were found dead, supposedly killed by Ethiopians, sixty miles inside the Ethiopian boundary. Fanning a war flame to life from this happening, the fascist leaders of Italy have added additional fuel to the blaze through repeated charges of insults to the dignity of Italian diplomats in Ethiopia.

"Nothing could prevent Italy from going to war with Ethiopia in October," says Mussolini. Anyhow, he argues, Abyssinia needs civilizing, Italy needs room for its people to expand, a modern power needs colonies and the Italian people need to satisfy a long standing insult to national pride.

All of this clearly means that Italy wants Ethiopia. An analysis of the economic conditions which obtain in the eastern section of the African continent explains this sharp desire of Italy and explains, also, the reasons for the live interest of the other imperialistic powers in the controversy.

Ethiopia has a population of about 11 million in an area of 350 thousand square miles. The chief industries are agriculture and breeding. Exports are few, chiefly wax, ivory and hides. Imports of cotton, sugar, oil, etc., amount to about 10 million dollars yearly. Recent discoveries have disclosed rich natural resources in gold, silver and iron. Such a territory fits well Mussolini's plan for colonial expansion. A second factor draws the other powers into the controversy to protect their own "interests."

Ethiopia is completely surrounded by European possessions without an outlet of its own to the sea. France permits the use of its railroad which is the only connecting link to the sea. Well inside the Ethiopian borders lies Lake Tsana which feeds the Blue Nile, so essential to the fertile cotton lands of the British Sudan.

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Meeting Schedule Local 574

Monday, July 22: Full membership.
Tuesday, July 23: Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
Friday, July 26: Federal Workers Unit.

574 Scores Victory At Boutell Company

Last week Local 574 again demonstrated to its membership the value of belonging to a fighting organization. Richard Naslund had been employed in the crockery department of Boutell Brothers for 15 years. During all this time he had been a faithful, conscientious and efficient employee. For no other reason than that he is an active worker in the interests of the union he was suddenly discharged. The reason given for his discharge was that he made mistakes. Naslund, realizing that this was only a trumped-up charge to remove him and replace him with a non-union worker, appealed to the union for aid. His fellow workers at Boutell Brothers declared their faith in him and pledged that they would stand solidly behind whatever effort was made to have Naslund returned to his job. It needed only a short conference with Mr. Lindow, superintendent of Boutell Brothers, to convince him that the best interests of all would be served by returning Naslund to his job. Richard Naslund is back on his old job at Boutell Brothers. The week that he spent idle endeavoring to secure his position back has been paid for.

Instances such as these, while not important in themselves, should demonstrate to the member-

Ford Generosity Proves Big Fake

On May 21, Henry Ford announced that he was increasing the minimum wage of his 126,000 employees to \$6 per day, adding two million dollars to his monthly payroll. This statement netted him thousands of dollars worth of free advertising in the daily papers and greatly enhanced his profits.

The thing that Ford forgot to mention was that the pay increase would not cost him a dime. The stories of the workers in his factories show what a phillistine Ford is. Throughout all plants the increase was accompanied by mass layoffs and a further speed-up of workers already taxed to the limits of human endurance.

The midnight shift was eliminated almost entirely. In the core-room, 15 workers who had been required to get out 1,000 cores per hour were speeded up to 1,600 cores per hour after getting the \$6. With three shifts working, the production was 6,500 cars per day with a payroll of 60,000 workers, a terrific pace. After the raise, with the midnight shift almost eliminated and many workers laid off in the other two shifts, the production is 5,600 cars per day.

ship that without such an organization as 574 behind them to fight for their rights and insist that they get justice on the job, they would be sacrificed many times.

The New 'Magna Charta' for Labor

Reprinted from the New Militant

As soon as Senator Wagner can get to Washington to participate personally in the ballyhoo connected with the attachment of Roosevelt's signature, the much touted Wagner Labor Disputes Bill will have become law. Thus, according to Green, Hillman and the other A. F. of L. bureaucrats who "look to the President" to save labor, another Magna Charta, Charter of liberties, for labor will have been established. What will happen then?

The steel barons and other employers who do regard this bill, which (on paper) "outlaws" company unions and directs employers to bargain collectively with a union which gets the vote of a majority of their employees, as an outrageous concession to labor, have given notice that they will carry the issue of its constitutionality to the Supreme Court. The workers have had bitter experience with such delays over section 7a of NRA which was also a Magna Charta of labor according to Green et al.

Under this bill a National Labor Relations Board is to be set up to "enforce" collective bargaining, etc. Thus the way is paved for

eventual greater control of government over the unions. Apart from that bitter experience has taught the workers how slowly the machinery of these boards operates even when "friends of unionism" sit on them, and that the employers have numerous devices for evading their decisions or crippling their operations. Besides, under a capitalist government, which necessarily is concerned about keeping the wheels of industry (i. e. capitalist industry) running smoothly, the basic concern of these government agencies is never that of enforcing the rights of the workers, but that of maintaining "industrial peace," in other words, preventing strikes or if they break out somehow, "settling" them, getting the workers back to work as quickly as possible.

Thus these government boards become in effect strike-breaking agencies even under the best conditions.

The workers will not get salvation from the Wagner bill. They must now as ever fight the entire system for which it stands. They will get nothing except that which

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LATIMER TO BE MAIN SPEAKER

**Meeting at Parade Grounds
and March to Scene
of Shooting**

**All Labor to Participate in
Memorial for Strike
Martyrs**

To honor the memory of Henry Ness and John Belor, martyrs of the Minneapolis General Strike of last July, the labor movement of Minneapolis will gather on the Parade Grounds at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, July 20.

The Joint Committee for the Ness-Belor Memorial have completed plans for the Memorial meeting and the demonstration which will follow. Wm. S. Brown, president of Local 574, will act as chairman of the meeting. The principal speaker will be Thomas Latimer, mayor of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis labor movement will be represented on the speaking program by Robert Cramer, editor of the Minneapolis Labor Review, Roy Weir, business agent of the Central Labor Union; I. G. Scott, member of the Plasterers' Union and labor alderman from the Tenth ward.

The three organizations which have made arrangements for the Memorial are General Drivers Local 574, Filling Station Attendants Federal Union 19802 and the Machinists Union Local 382 will be represented on the speaking program by the following members: Local 574, Miles Dunne; Local 382, William Mausset and Federal Union 19802 by George Lund. The Memorial meeting to honor these two heroes has received the official endorsement of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. The committee has mailed letters to every labor organization in Minneapolis, inviting them to be a part of the demonstration. At the conclusion of the speaking program a march will be made from the knoll at the Parade Grounds to Seventh Avenue North and Third Street, the place where Ness and Belor received the wounds that resulted fatally.

The route of march will be on Hennepin Avenue to Washington, on Washington Avenue to Seventh Avenue North, on Seventh Avenue North to Third Street. There wreaths will be placed on crosses that have been erected which mark the scene of the shooting. The march will be led by the fire and drum corps of the Russell-Gaylord post of the National Veterans' Association, of which Henry Ness was a member. The ceremonies at Seventh Avenue North and Third Street will be conducted by the same organization.

ALL WORKERS INTO THE UNIONS ALL UNIONS INTO THE STRUGGLE

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

"A High Type of Fellow"

In a recent conversation with a local boss we were confronted with a statement which explained very clearly the attitude of the customary run of bosses toward their workers. This particular scion of capital was outlining at great length the tremendous losses which he had sustained and which he thought should prevent him from giving his men a pay increase.

Carried away by his own experience, he related at great detail the sad experiences of one of his business contemporaries. This man he explained was a "high type of fellow, not an ordinary truck driver." And there you are.

Riff-raff, rabble, canaille, such are the choice terms with which the capitalists characterize their workers. In the face of this obvious contempt, sharply demonstrated by brutal attacks against the workers in their struggle for their rights, the fakirs who pose as leaders mouth platitudes about a "community of interest" between labor and capital and lead the workers blindly into the swamp of class-collaboration.

The boss knows that the conflict between capital and labor is a struggle for the division of the profits of the workers' toil, and he conducts himself accordingly. The quicker the workers learn to select leaders who also recognize this fact the quicker they will get their fair share of these earnings.

A Happy Prospect

Last year in Mower county, Minnesota, the workers were forced to fight for a subsistence allowance despite the addition of \$90,000 in federal funds to the county relief allowance. This year the Mower county authorities have appropriated only \$40,000 for direct relief, and since this falls \$5,800 below the federal requirement for the local appropriation there will be no federal funds in Mower county.

This means that direct relief allowances will be reduced about 60 per cent. The workers will get too little to live on, but too much to die on. A happy prospect, indeed. And when they raise objections they will be called un-American, and the disturbance will be charged to "outside agitators."

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It now becomes clear that England's magnanimity in offering Ethiopia a strip of British Somaliland as compensation for the territory demanded by Italy is sponsored by necessity. Should Mussolini acquire control of Lake Tsana, the British Sudan would be at his mercy.

France, however, objects sharply to the British offer. Such a concession by the British, to protect their holdings in the Sudan, would give Ethiopia the seaport of Zeila. This would seriously curtail the profits of the French capitalists on their railroad and in the French seaport of Djubiti, now used by Ethiopia. Furthermore such a settlement does not satisfy the avarice of the Italian imperialists.

It appears inevitable that the Italian workers shall have to fight the backward Ethiopians. The daily press reports the mobilization of Italian "volunteer" regiments, carefully suppressing authentic accounts of mutinies and demonstrations against the mobilization by the Italian workers.

Meantime, Germany, Japan and lesser powers make preparations to protect their interests, and the complicated "balance of power" maneuvers of imperialism weave into the lot. Mousing hackneyed phrases about "freedom of the seas" and "non-discrimination" the American capitalist-imperialists prepare to sell munitions to both sides in the controversy until such time as they can plunge America into the struggle on a partisan basis in their own interests.

The signs are unmistakable that another mass slaughter is being prepared to make the world "safe for democracy." The question for the workers to decide is: how long are they going to permit themselves to be used as sacrificial sheep in the interest of those who control the wealth of the world?

Corcoran Continues Attacks on 574

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in good standing of Local 574, who was engaged in the ice industry, to become business agent of Local 221, holding out the prospect to this member that if he would take the job he would succeed in bringing over to Local 221 from 574 a whole section of the membership. The member who was approached on this infamous proposal, rejected it indignantly.

The latest and most dastardly move on Corcoran's part was in connection with the Milk Drivers' picnic, July 17. He called on the telephone the Swiller Transfer Company whose employees are old and faithful members of Local 574, and who had always previously done the hauling for the Milk Wagon Drivers' picnic, and asked them if they could furnish a driver for the picnic load who was a member of the Dual Drivers' Union, Local 500. Of course, Mr. Swiller could furnish no such person for the reason that as far as we are able to ascertain, there are no members of Local 500. But the very fact that Corcoran made this demand upon this union transfer company is indicative of the fact that he aimed to strike a blow at Local 574. We wish to know at this time if Corcoran's actions and his sentiment are representative of the opinion of the membership of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union. Does this mean that the Milk Wagon Drivers Union desires to sell no more milk to the thousands of members of Local 574? Does it mean that the Franklin, Northland

Labor Looks at the Press

Stand Up and Cheer

Minneapolis Journal headline: "Food Cost Up 17 Per Cent in Minneapolis This Year."

But wages aren't "up" 17 per cent—and this is where Joe Worker gets it in the neck.

Vienna news item: "Redistribution of Austria's wealth to 'right the wrongs done the Hapsburg family' when revolution toppled the dynasty in 1918 was approved formally by the state council July 4."

Former Vice-president Charles Curtis, Republican, throws a great light on the 1936 campaign: "There are plenty of issues. The 'save the Constitution' proposition is important and I think there are too many boards and commissions."

The "when do we eat" proposition is important, too.

The Nation, commenting on William Green's recent order to expel all militant workers from the trade unions: "Surely active co-operation among all factions of labor was never more essential than now, and any move to prevent unity must be set down as an aid to those employers who are fighting the establishment of a real labor movement."

The July 3rd issue of the New Republic prints a Politician Lexicon that contains so many sharp truths that I am taking the liberty of re-printing several of them.

GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE: The idea that it ought to be paid back.

and other creameries who are under contract with the Milk Wagon Drivers no longer desire the patronage of the members and supporters of Local 574? Does it mean that the Milk Wagon Drivers Union desires that Local 574 turn to the independent milk drivers for support and assistance? We do not believe that these are their desires. We do not believe that Corcoran's actions during the past two months have the sanction and support of the organization that he supports and represents but we sincerely assure members of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union that we intend to protect our organization against the attacks of Corcoran and others who are connected with the organization. We will not submit tamely to such disruptive efforts. We have shown in the past that we are able and willing to fight in the interests of the organized drivers in Minneapolis. We have not grown so old or so senile that we have forgotten the way best to protect our interests. We want friendly and peaceful relations with the rest of the labor movement but we will not buy peaceful relations at the price demanded by Corcoran and his supporters.

"ALIEN: Anybody who believes in the American standard of living—for employes.

GOVERNMENT AID: Public money poured into private enterprises.

D. A. R.: An organization of women who feel that one revolutionist in the family is distinction enough.

DEMOCRAT: See Republican. EQUALITY: The right, granted by the Constitution, of rich and poor, black and white to bathe in champagne and winter on the Riviera.

FREEOM OF TE SEAS: The right to make wartime profits by selling to both belligerents without interference from either.

FREE PRESS: A hundred men imposing their prejudices on a hundred million.

REPUBLICAN: See Democrat.

WAR: International debate, remarkable for the fact that God is always on both sides.

"Magna Charta"

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they can take by their organized strength and militancy. They must prepare more rigorously and thoroughly than ever, not for an easy way to improved conditions via labor boards, etc., but for a battle to the death against the employer drive against unionism, against the rising cost of living and the accompanying lowering of the standards of living.

It is possible that the initial psychological effect of the passage of the Wagner bill on some sections of the workers will be similar to that which occurred when the NRA was first proclaimed—to create the impression, namely, that unionization will get government support and so to stimulate organizing campaigns and strikes. It is a fact that capitalism in the U. S. does not yet have to resort to the most extreme repression. A "liberal" administration can seek to allay labor unrest and to buy off trade union leaders by concessions, by preventing the most reactionary employers from carrying out immediately their most extreme plans. Militants will take advantage of the situation, and especially of any organization sentiment which may develop among the workers, not in order to strengthen the mistaken impression they may have of friendly government support, but precisely in order that in the struggle to get what the government purports to give them, they may learn the true nature and function of all capitalist governments. Police, militia, soldiers, with clubs, tear gas and guns, will meet the workers who strike for the rights "granted" under the Wagner bill, as they met workers who struck for similar rights under the now defunct NRA. And the lesson will sink in deeper and deeper.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

June 24, 1935

N. W. Labor Unity Conference
 286 East Sixth St.
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

The Central Union executive board of the IUAW has instructed me to write you extending an invitation to the members of the N. W. Labor Unity Conference to attend the second annual convention of the IUAW to be held in Albert Lea July 27 and 28.

Plans are under way for a huge parade, speeches, a picnic, the regular business meeting, and Satur-

day evening there will be a free dance. We would appreciate it very much if you would get in touch with the members of the conference and extend this invitation to them.

Yours very truly,
 BEATRICE CHASE
 Secretary

Daily Doubt

New York news item: "Two questions appear to be of paramount interest today to people between the Atlantic and Pacific. The first is: How fast is Roosevelt losing ground? The second: Who will be the Republican candidate in 1936?"

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