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As from this hour
You use your power,
The world must fol-
low you.

Stand all as one
Till right is done!
Believe and dare
and do!

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GROCERS BOYCOTT GAMBLE

FEDERALS HOLD MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

"Drive" on Relief Chiselers Will Be Explained by Speakers

Zimmerman Will Answer Questions Asked from the Floor

Friday, June 26, the Federal Workers Section of Local 574 will sponsor a huge state-wide public meeting at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. The subject of discussion at this meeting will be one that has been given wide newspaper publicity in the last three weeks. The question of relief chiselers is one that merits a thorough investigation by relief clients and WPA workers whom the relief department, under the Pearson administration are attempting to "expose."

The question of who are the real relief chiselers will be gone into in a thorough manner by speakers who are competent to tell what it is all about. Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, will speak on "Who Are the Real Chiselers."

State Relief Administrator A. P. Zimmerman has been invited to address the gathering and will be asked what the real meaning of the drive on the so-called "chiselers." Other good speakers will be on the program and an interesting and instructive evening is assured for all those who attend.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. The meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.

574 Picnic Plans Are Being Formed

Plans for the 574 picnic, which will be held at Bass Lake Sunday, August 9, are being carried forward in good shape by the Picnic Committee. The Committee asks the co-operation of every member of the Union in making our first all-union picnic an unqualified success.

A program is being issued by the Committee which will outline the events that will take place during the day and will carry the advertisement of various merchants in business houses who are friends and supporters of Local 574.

The Picnic Committee announced that their next meeting will be held Monday, June 29, at 8 p. m. All members of the Picnic Committee are requested to be on hand at that time so that the meeting may start promptly.

Open Letter to Every Member Of Local Unions

Dear Brother Member:

Our Union, Local 574, has been through a great many experiences during the last two years. Through three strikes and against all of the Citizens' Alliance labor haters it has constantly grown stronger. Daniel Tobin and the International fakers tried hard to down us. We continued to grow. The employers have tried almost every angle to dodge and chisel but to no avail; 574 grows bigger and better day by day.

We have only recently signed new contracts with some of the most important sections of the trucking industry. New wage increases have been secured by our Union from time to time.

The Citizens' Alliance don't like this. Some of the reactionary labor leaders in the Teamsters Joint Council don't like this. Together they would like to break up 574. The bosses and the labor fakers both want a fink local (like 500) which they know they can handle. That is why our leaders and officers have been beaten by armed thugs in the street. That is why the police raided our hall and closed the club room bar. All this and still we take in new members every day.

The Executive Board of the Union wishes to use this opportunity to thank you for your work and for your loyalty to the Union and to ask you to continue your fine efforts even more vigorously than in the past.

One of the ways in which the employers and other enemies of 574 try to harm our Union is by circulating false rumors and scandal about us. They try, by misleading headlines and stories in the daily press, to disturb the membership.

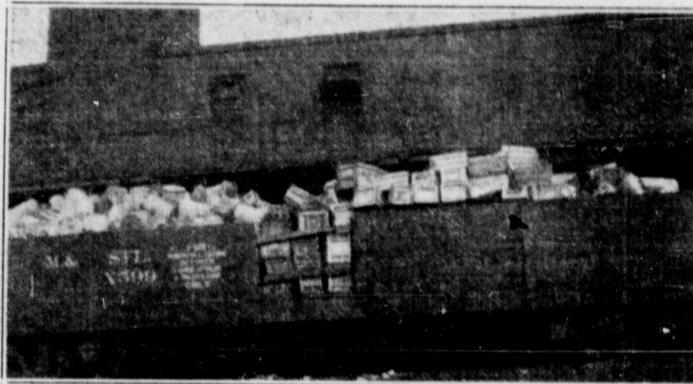
We feel confident that our brothers know how to estimate such things; nevertheless, it is important that all members and friends be on the alert for activities of our enemies. Report any such activities to the Union office. Get a new member for the Union. **Build 574.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD
LOCAL 574
By Wm. S. Brown,
President

Wages Are Too High For Local Employers

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., it is reported, was ready to accept an attractive offer by the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce for an 87-acre site at \$1 an acre when negotiations broke down. The company was ready to pay a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour but the Chamber, it is asserted, wanted 50 cents to be the agreed maximum wage per hour.

Fruits of the Gamble Strike



As thousands of Minneapolis workers hunger for fresh fruit, the struck Gamble-Robinson Company consigns a whole carload to the dump at Shady Oak.

Sash Bosses Try Phony News Ads In an Attempt to Break Strike

Cabinet Makers Union Spurn Slave Offer of the Employers

Saturday morning the Minneapolis Tribune carried a quarter page ad of the sash, door and mill work owners. This advertisement purported to set forth the "position" of the sash bosses. Clearly a Citizens Alliance statement, it is filled with misstatements and lies.

Among other things the ad stated that their plants had been closed by the strike of the Union affiliated to Local 574. This is a deliberate misstatement of facts. The Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union is not now and never has been affiliated to General Drivers Union. On the contrary they are affiliated to and now a part of the American Federation of Labor. All the striking employes of the sash and door mills are members of the Cabinet Makers Union, Local 1865, which is a part of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The employers go on to say that they have offered the Union settlement terms in which wages were adjusted on a "fair and equitable basis." The "fair and equitable settlement," which was rejected by the Cabinet Makers Union, was the most brazen and dastardly offer to return to work under slave conditions that has ever been made in the Northwest. It provided practically no improvements in wages and working conditions which have reached a peonage level in the Minneapolis sash and door mills.

The employers say in their statement that the industry is suffering from "depression." That is a lie. The sash and door industry is enjoying the most prosperous season that it has had in a decade. Profits are higher than they have been for years. The attitude of the sash and door owners is another classic example of greedy capitalism that refuses to surrender one penny of profit that their

workers may live in decency and comfort.

No intelligent person is fooled or deceived by the mouthings of the money-hungry employers as represented by the Citizens Alliance. Every worker says, and logically so, "Money for ads but none for wages."

Ice Industry Will Honor Agreement

Word has been received that all Minneapolis ice companies, with one exception, have indicated that they intend to continue operating under the coverage agreement negotiated last year between them and General Drivers Union. The coverage agreement, which regulated route competition among the various companies, brought to the Minneapolis ice industry the best conditions it has operated under for many years.

The continuance of the agreement for the coming year means that those employed in the ice industry will again operate under conditions that will make it possible for the workers involved to make a decent wage.

The Land of Lakes Company, producers of artificial ice, have stated that they do not intend to go along with the coverage contract. This attitude on their part indicates that they are prepared to go into the ice market and attempt to tear down what has been painstakingly erected over a two year period.

Insane and dangerous competition can be the only result of abrogating the agreement. The reckless and selfish attitude displayed by the Land of Lakes Company is bound to have an unhealthy effect upon the industry. Steps must be taken to see that this company will not be allowed to bring chaos where order now exists.

GAMBLE STRIKE IS EFFECTIVE—WORKERS FIRM

Branch Houses Are Being Struck by Starving Employees

Citizens Alliance Has Hand in Anti-Union Stand of Company

The strike at the Gamble-Robinson Company continues to be 100 per cent effective. This struck market concern is entirely closed down and is doing as little business as though the key were turned in the door. Minneapolis grocers and former patrons of the Gamble-Robinson Company are as a unit in inaugurating a boycott against this unfair market concern.

Not only is the strike effective in Minneapolis but one by one their branch houses, scattered over the Northwest, are being struck by employes in these places who feel that now is an excellent time to settle old scores with the company. Wage and working conditions in the branch houses of the Gamble-Robinson Company are almost indescribable. Wages as low as \$65 per month are being paid to truck drivers whose work week often runs as high as 90 hours.

The Gamble Company's Minneapolis branch, dominated by Citizens Alliance influence, has decided to become the spearhead in an attempt to break down wages and working conditions in the market district. Although every firm on the Central Market has signed a Union agreement with Local 574 covering wages and working conditions for their employes, the Gamble Company announced that they are willing to pay the new wage scale but state that they will not be bound by an agreement to do so.

This can mean only one thing. It means that sometime in the near future they intend to put in effect a wage-slashing campaign. The employes of the Gamble-Robinson Company, who are carrying on the strike, are determined that an agreement will be signed before they return to work. The striking market workers announce, if necessary, they will spread the strike to every branch of the Gamble-Robinson Company in the Northwest.

Truck Owners

Independent truck owners are urged to notify the Union office immediately when unemployed. Calls are being received steadily for trucking equipment and you may miss a chance for a job if you are not registered. Call or come to the Union office.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

A. F. OF L. MAY EXPEL C. I. O. BEFORE AUGUST

Executive Council Said to Be Prepared to Act

The air bristles with "ultimatums," "defiances," "declarations of war," and every other kind of military terminology, not to mention 57 varieties of "splits," if you go by what you read in the papers.

The American Federation of Labor executive council is reported to be considering punitive action against the Committee for Industrial Organization at its July meeting.

And what is it all about? Ten A. F. of L. unions are banded together in the C. I. O. to promote organization of the 30 million unorganized into the A. F. of L. They are advocating organization along industrial lines—the only feasible form in mass-production industries where craft lines mean little.

These unions have already aided in bringing large numbers of previously unorganized workers into the A. F. of L. and are now launching a great drive in the steel industry in co-operation with the A. F. of L. union.

But every forward step they make to swell the ranks of the A. F. of L. appears to bring only alarm to certain elements in the executive council. They are said to be contemplating suspension of the C. I. O. unions in July—to be ready, that is to say, to split the labor movement in half rather than to permit its growth along the present lines.

The council would have no legal right to take such a step. It has no authority to do so under the constitution and laws of the A. F. of L. But more than any such technical considerations, it would be an act of base treachery against the whole American labor movement, at a time when it is entering on the life-and-death struggle with steel and the other great unorganized industries.

Unions all over the country are already protesting to the executive council against its even thinking of delivering such a stab in the back of labor unity.

Yellow Notes

A lady passenger recently remarked to one of our drivers that the Yellow Cabs of Minneapolis were driven by the cleanest, most considerate and courteous drivers of any city she had been in. And she also informed the driver that she travels all over the United States. This is not a bad reputation to have and so let's keep up the good work.

Believ it or not, old man Burton had the Club cafe all painted and re-decorated by Union painters during the last week.

"Crying Willie" finally got his new set of "ivories" so he can eat something else besides baby food now.

"Radisson Jake" has some new wall-paper in his room now in the form of Bonus Bonds tacked on the wall.

"Banjo Miller" has lost that worried look on his pan since the arrival of his Bonus Bonds and check.

Contrary to all expectations, those who have received Bonus Bonds have stayed on the job very well.

The Railroad Unions

The agreement between railroad managements and the Railway Labor Executives' Association providing for partial compensation of employes displaced because of railroad consolidations, contains the information that the Labor Executives were duly authorized to negotiate to a conclusion on the matter. The information lacking is: Where did the authority come from? Being a member of one of the organizations, I can state that the question was never referred to the membership of our organization and I presume the same is true as regards the other organizations.

Regardless of whether the agreement is good or bad from the workers point of view, the failure of the Railway Labor Executives to refer such important question to the memberships for discussion and action is another example of the contempt the leadership have for the opinions and desires of the members they are elected to represent. If the membership is not to have anything to say regarding matters that so vitally affect their livelihood as railroad consolidations, then the only privileges the membership have left is to pay dues and read whatever agreements the leadership sees fit to enter into, and the editorial praise of the Brotherhood journals that goes with it.

It is up to the workers themselves to decide if union democracy shall be laid on the shelf for good or not. If the present autocratic methods of the R. L. E. A. is satisfactory to the membership, there is nothing more to be said. But if the railroad workers contend that their membership carries with it the privilege to discuss and decide important questions regarding their wages and working conditions, it is high time that they take organized action to retain such privileges. The leaders must be made to understand that they are elected to carry out the wishes of the members and not their own pet theories without consulting the membership as is being done at this time, and as long as the craft system of organization is maintained, it will be the means of preventing united action by the rank and file and at the same time increase the autocracy at the top.

Progressive rail workers everywhere will agree on the necessity for changing these conditions and the first necessity is to overcome and break down the results of craft secrecy and division so that joint discussion can be had on our problems. It was for that reason the Minneapolis Railroad Council was organized and is functioning; to provide opportunities for the workers of all crafts in the railroad industry to meet together and discuss and agree on a program of joint action. Every terminal should organize such a council and help this necessary work along. Write for our program. Letters will reach us at 631 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Applause Greet Industrialists

Wild cheering and applause greeted speeches favoring industrial unionism at the Tulsa convention of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America. Delegates to the union's seventh biennial meeting heard President Harvey C. Fremming proclaim the union's recent accomplishments as having "transcended those of almost every union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor."

Bill Brown Says—

In the last few days we have heard several employers say that they would pay the new wage scale but that they didn't want to sign the agreement with the Union. I don't want to say that the employers are dishonest in their intentions but if they didn't intend to chisel, why do they shy away from signing an agreement? When we sign with the employers we intend to live up to the agreement to the letter and by the same token the employers must do the same. We won't have people in our Union that accept less than the wage scale; and we will deal with the employers that chisel, in the way they should be dealt with.



BILL BROWN
President of 574

Latimer Promises Police Protection To Gamble-Robinson Co. at Meeting

In connection with the strike of the Market Workers Section of Local 574 directed against the Gamble-Robinson Company an interesting sidelight developed Thursday night. The Gamble-Robinson Company, which is part of a nation-wide chain of wholesale fruit and produce distributing houses, plainly indicated Thursday night that they are suffering under the blows that are being dealt them by their striking employes.

The boycott against the Gamble-Robinson Company has been so effective that grocery store owners have almost entirely ceased to patronize this non-union concern. In order to win the patronage and confidence of the independent grocers the Gamble Company threw a party for them Saturday night at the West Hotel. After they had been wine and dined, propaganda to belittle the strike began. Now comes a surprising part.

Who should appear on the platform, making a vicious attack on Local 574, and promising ample police protection to the Gamble-Robinson Company but our old friend, the 100 per cent "supporter" of the trade union movement, Mayor Thomas E. Latimer. Tom outdid himself on this occasion. He urged the grocers to patronize the struck concern in preference to those who had signed the agreement with the Union and promised that he, as head of the police department, would see that they were given all the police protection necessary to break the strike.

Scott and Berlin of the Gamble Company praised Latimer for his "public spirited attitude." After several independent grocery men had called attention to the assembled grocers that the biggest customers of the Gamble-Robinson Company were the chain stores, the management of the Gamble Company was asked why they did not settle with the Union. To this question no answer was made.

Despite the propaganda, poisoned lies and promises of police protection, the meeting fell flat. The next morning not one single grocerman showed up to patronize the struck concern.

New Local Union For 3.2 Workers

This week saw the birth of a new local union in Minneapolis. A charter has been issued by the Cooks and Waiters International Alliance to a Union that will take into its ranks bartenders and beverage dispensers in the 3.2 beer emporiums.

The workers in this classification have found it impossible to organize with the bartenders. Local 346 will be the union that will give workers in these places of employment the protection of a union agreement. William Rathbone is the secretary and organizer of the new local.

The boys were playing "Push Over." But Walter Witt was watching close to see that he did not get pushed. He did just the same.

Independent Truck Chatter

It is the duty of every member to assist in bringing in the following emblems:

1261	1325	1367
1268	1330	1375
1272	1340	1380
1287	1341	1386
1288	1349	1402
1290	1350	1404
1293	1353	1410
1294	1354	1412
1300	1355	1418
1312	1361	1418
1313	1362	1726
1323	1363	1745
1324	1365	1782

This article, which has been misplaced for some time, should be cut out of the Organizer and placed in your cabs so you will have a ready reference to the numbers. The members bearing these numbers do not choose to "Stay in the Buggy" and the emblems should be turned in.

The absence of Mickey Dunne and Ray Rainbolt at the last meeting is, as yet, neither explained nor excused.

The by-laws, passed on recently in regard to not displaying emblems on radiators will be strictly enforced and the fines imposed.

Our good friend, S. H. Bellman, State Representative from the 35th District, whose previous efforts have proven him to be a friend of the Independents, dropped in just before the close of our last meeting. We were honored with his visit and hope to be visited by more such notable friends.

Saturday, June 20, the Gene Lundholms, the inevitable Russian, and a few others celebrated at the "Spinning Wheel." The event was Gene's ninth wedding anniversary and the results were that the party broke up at six a. m. with spinning heads as well as wheels.

Our organization has been increasing at an average of twenty new applicants a meeting in recent months. This is due to the demand for trucks and the untiring efforts of the Board and stewards in placing Union trucks on contract jobs.

Myron Anderson and his committee are making great progress in drawing up a seniority list with the State Highway. He had a meeting Monday, June 22. Further reports will be made in the next issue.

The recent thirty-five miles per hour agreement on the gravel job has proven to be a great benefit to all concerned. At the end of the day the members still have a truck and tires and find they have made as much money in the long run.

This column will stay neutral with Mickey in regard to fish

Louis Proszek
3000 Xerxes Ave. N.
Minneapolis, Minn.
June 15, 1936

To the Editor:

Here is a glaring example of how lightly one of the employers whose plants are being struck and picketed now, takes the welfare of his employees to his heart.

When a bold attempt was made to reopen the shops in spite of the strike Wednesday, June 10, he succeeded, with the assistance of the police to smuggle several scabs into his plant. Convinced that by keeping these scabs in, he endangered his own well being, he promptly turned them out without police protection among the swarming angered picketers.

Now, hain't that nice? Once more an employer has demonstrated how he regards the welfare of his employees.
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stories; but would just like to add that the following inventions are in order for outboard motors to assist some amateur operators: A special gas with an oil mixture so that motors will not burn up and a rubber key for the propeller to replace the steel ones. Also the certain member who was seen near Lake Mille Lacs reports that he will not take another trip up there with his truck until Henry invents a carburetor that will give double the mileage of his present V-8 equipment, or fifteen miles per gallon.

There are certain out-of-town members who have forgotten their dues. Must we send them a reminder?

Federal Judge Is Pondering Plea

Federal Circuit Court Judge Joyce, St. Paul is withholding his decision on Wilson and Company's Albert Lea Packinghouse plea for an injunction to prevent the National Labor Relations Board from holding a hearing.

A strike has been threatened since last August, when Elmer Wenzel, President of the Packinghouse Unit was discharged for "incompetency." Wenzel had worked for the company for twenty-one years previously with a good record. Wenzel is the third president of the Packinghouse unit to be laid off or discharged or forced to quit because of Wilson and Company's union-fighting policy.

Judge Joyce heard the preliminary arguments on March 10. J. D. Cooney, Vice-President of Wilson and Company requested time to submit printed briefs on the constitutionality of the Labor Disputes Act. He was given until April 29. Since the briefs have been in, no word has come from Judge Joyce. Meanwhile the Union has been tightening its fences in preparation for a real fight. "Wilson and Company are a big concern but we'll give them the fight of their lives," says Wenzel, father of five children. Albert Lea was the scene of a bitter struggle in the Butcher Workmen's strike in 1921-'22, and recently in a Foundry strike the pickets held possession of a plant for one week after dispersing scab deputies and battling the police.

LOCAL 574 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Friday, June 12 — Federal Workers
- Thursday, June 18 — Independent Truck Owners
- Friday, June 19 — Job Stewards: Federal Workers
- Monday, June 22 — Full Membership
- Tuesday, June 23 — Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
- Friday, June 26 — Federal Workers.

Other section meetings will be specially called.

Sand Companies Sign Agreement With Local 574

Contract Provides Union Wages and Conditions for All

Last week saw the signing of a Union agreement between the sand and gravel employers and Local 574. The signing of this agreement brought to an end negotiations which have been going on over a two months period. The signing of this contract marks the first time in the history of Minneapolis that sand and gravel drivers and gravel pit workers come under the scope of a Union agreement.

The new contract provides a wage scale of 62½ cents per hour, brings a 4-hour week to the industry and provides improvements in working conditions. Sand and gravel employers stated that leveling of wage scales in the industry would bring about a stabilization in the competitive end of the business. The contract covers the wages and working conditions of approximately 300 Union members.

Cabinet Makers Elect Officers

Friday, June 19, at 8 p. m. the Cabinet Makers Union, Local 1865, held their annual election of officers in the auditorium of the Drivers Headquarters. This local Union, which has recently had its ranks swelled by the addition of 700 striking sash and door workers, held one of the largest meetings in its history. This was the first opportunity given the newly-organized brothers to cast a ballot for Union officers.

The following slate of candidates were elected: P. J. Nash, president; A. H. Bergman, vice-president; C. Schleich, recording secretary; A. H. Berglund, financial secretary; Peter Bley, treasurer; A. Volkmann, conductor; M. Strammen, Warden; C. Jorgensen, trustee.

Cotton Belt Terror Used on Strikers

The terror against union cotton workers in eastern Arkansas has spread to Memphis where police are hunting down and arresting refugees from the planters' gunsmen. Members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union arrested in Memphis have been sentenced to long workhouse terms for vagrancy and disorderly conduct charges. Lynchers are threatening to get Secretary H. L. Mitchell of the Union, whom they blame for the excellent organization work. Strikers are asking \$1.50 for a 10-hour day.

On WPA Projects

The boys at the Camden Park project found an onion patch. Of course it didn't last long.

Last week the boys went fishing but came back telling the usual story. The same old fish story about the "one that got away."

The boys on Project 250 tipped over the tool wagon. Arnold Anderson was inside at the time but he did not get hurt.

George Brown is carrying spring water six blocks for the boys at Camden Park to drink. Nice going, Georgie.

Citizens Alliance Bulletin Reveals Latimer Hook-up

If further proof is needed that the Mayor's office in the city of Minneapolis is hooked up in aiding the most reactionary labor-hating forces in the city, the June 15 bulletin of the Citizens Alliance should furnish that proof. We reprint herewith, verbatim, the latest confidential news release of the Minneapolis Citizens Alliance.

CITIZENS ALLIANCE OF MINNEAPOLIS SPECIAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

The following information is for members only and is based on reports from sources which we consider very reliable

6-15-36

!! EXTREMELY IMPORTANT—IMMEDIATE CO-OPERATION NECESSARY !!

The Gamble-Robinson Company, wholesale fruit and vegetable dealers in the market district, declined to enter into a contract with General Drivers' Union Local 574, the communist-led outlaw union. THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GAMBLE-ROBINSON COMPANY HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.**

Local 574 called a strike against the Gamble-Robinson Company last Wednesday night. While only a small group of its employees were in sympathy with this strike, practically all of them were so intimidated that they stayed away from work. However, approximately 12 or 15 of their employees have continued to work at their jobs.

There is no argument about wages. The Gamble-Robinson Company are paying 65c an hour to department heads, 60c an hour to truck drivers and 50c an hour to helpers and inside workers.

From the beginning the city administration has given police protection.

On Friday morning, many grocers went to the Gamble-Robinson warehouse to pick up their fruit and vegetables. Picket cars followed them to their places of business and threatened to banner and picket them if they did not return the goods. Some of these grocers, thus intimidated, returned the merchandise to the warehouse.

On Saturday morning, the Gamble-Robinson Company started to make deliveries with their own trucks, under police escort. Picket cars followed these trucks to the grocery stores and warned the proprietors of these stores that if they accepted the merchandise they would be bannered, picketed and otherwise punished, with the result that VERY FEW GROCERS ACCEPTED THE DELIVERIES.**

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT that the retail grocers of Minneapolis co-operate with the city authorities and with the Gamble-Robinson Company by themselves driving their trucks to the Gamble-Robinson warehouse and picking up the fruit and vegetables that they require, or by accepting deliveries made to them. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE GIVEN PROTECTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IF THEY DO THIS.**

There has been considerable criticism directed against those groups who have entered into contractual relations with Local 574. The Gamble-Robinson Company have declined to do this. They should have the whole-hearted, active support of Minneapolis citizens who are not in sympathy with the Trotskyite communist leadership of Local 574.

We are asking all our members to get in touch at once with the grocers with whom they trade and urge them to co-operate as above outlined. Make your appeal strong. Impress upon your grocers that they will be in this picture anyway, sooner or later, if 574 is not stopped. Also impress upon them their obligation to the community to co-operate in this vitally important matter.

**Our emphasis.

Guild Strikers Ask Help Against Hearst

The following letter has been received from the striking News Guild workers in Milwaukee:

Dear Sirs and Brothers: Under separate cover we are sending you 100 copies of the Guild Striker.

It will be a great help to us if you could arrange to have them distributed to good advantage.

Will you please return to us the enclosed post card which is self-explanatory?

Fraternally,

J. NASH MCCREA
Strike Chairman

Any person or organization who can assist the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild to distribute their strike paper should communicate with Milwaukee Newspaper Guild, 939 N. Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Colorado Federation Endorses the C. I. O.

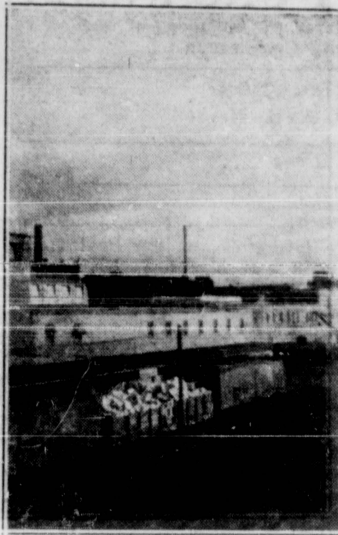
Endorsement of the Committee for Industrial Organization and the principle of industrial unionism in mass production industries was voted by the forty-first annual convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, meeting at Canon City.

Diesel-Engined Train Keeps a Full Crew

Avoiding the dispute the Burlington road got into when it tried to take the second man out of the cab in its fast Diesel-engined trains, the Illinois Central ran a full crew on its regular 295-minute schedule for the 290 miles to St. Louis.

Biggest laugh of the week: Dr. Townsend joining forces with the share-the-wealth clubs to end Communism in Washington."

Rubbish



The Gamble Company lets fruit and produce rot in the warehouse rather than recognize the Union.

Local 160 Notes

Starting with the 23rd of June Local 160's Executive Board will meet on Tuesday instead of Thursday of each week. This change has been made to allow better preparation and planning of board matters brought before the weekly membership meetings and with less loss of time.

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On Tuesday evening, June 23, the Interior Wiring Department will hold its first special meeting. In line with the policy of the Union this department will take up from time to time the particular matters of the group with a view to working out a program of betterment of conditions. The department is now fully organized. We will, no doubt, hear more from them before long.

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This week will see the first special meeting of a group who have hitherto been doing much good Union work. This group is composed of those members who have become known as the stewards. For over a year now, they have been unobtrusively doing yeoman service for the Union. On Thursday evening, June 25, this group will meet at the headquarters to map out a program. The objective we are here striving for is to have at least one well-informed and authoritative Union representative in every crew or group of employees. This group when thoroughly organized, will do much to prevent any tendency to be stampeded into unwise action. They will provide the means of solidly tying together the various departments and groups. Everyone will, through them, have immediate access to Union information and Union backing on any matter arising. Meeting notices have been sent out through the mails.

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The controversy that has arisen between the company and the Overhead and Underground Departments has been placed in the hands of the Executive Board. This is the second time the Union has been called upon to step forward for these departments. In each of these departments the Union has had to force the department heads to meet with the Union committees of the departments as the understanding had with the Company provided. Each department committee has laid before its department a set of demands to provide definite means of living up to the agreement had with the Company last January and which the departments have refused to do. The Executive Board will meet, in a joint meeting, these two department heads on Wednesday of this week and attempt to iron out the difficulties.

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

SMIFF!

Bob Lynch is no longer with us. The poor lil fellow hocked his sac for a weddin' ring. * * *

HEH HER—

A car key was found by a Miss Helen Hunt. The owner can have it by calling your writer. If he doesn't want to do that he can go to Helen Hunt for it. * * *

BIFF—

Under the knockout picture in last Saturday's Tribune, you know the picture where Joe Lewis, the sunburned Indian, was resting on the canvas, well, right down below was a small caption, "Quake felt in Arkansas." We had no idea—tsk, tsk. * * *

HISTORY

He was a pretty baby. His parents had great plans for him. They reared him carefully; sent him to school, and gave him music lessons. It looked as though he might fulfill the promise of his birth and the hopes of his parents. One day he fell on his head. He's never been the same. Now he plays trumpet in 574's band. * * *

WARNING!

Football fans who are measuring Minnesota's chances for another national championship. Stop worrying about Washington State. Watch Northwestern — she's a tough baby. * * *

NUTS—

A recent press release stated that Fred Warring's musical genius was due to the rhythmic beating of his mother's heart. Why not his drummer's drum? * * * (HE'S BEEN TALKING TO A SAILOR)

Nature gave the oyster a break. By adding or sluffing of segments, the oyster can change its sex from male to female and back again at will.

The papa sea horse is forced by nature to care for the young. He carries as many as 14 clinging to his back and sides. Who said a man never pays? * * *

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Never raise your hand against the law—Use a club!

Hearst Strikers in Circulation Battle

Circulation wrecking crews, composed of striking editorial workers from Hearst's Wisconsin News, are systematically undermining the sheet's circulation by a house-to-house canvass of all Milwaukee. Thousands of cancellations are being collected on cards especially prepared for that purpose.

Testimony to the results achieved by the industry of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild members is seen in the mounting circulation of rival papers. The Milwaukee Journal circulation is nearly 20,000 ahead of last year. The Sentinel is regularly canvassing former News subscribers. Even the Chicago Tribune has 18 solicitors "mopping up" in Milwaukee, despite the fact that, as Strike Chairman J. Nash McCrea states, "It has never been known as a friend of organized labor."

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LABOR . . .
Looks at the Press

Farmer-Labor Mayor Latimer of Minneapolis, speaking at a Citizens Alliance-sponsored meeting at the West hotel in support of the Gamble-Robinson side of the G-R strike: "I pledge police protection if you want to break the strike. . . I am a good union man."

Latimer is a union man—like Hitler is a Socialist.

A. F. of L. Split?

Stirring events are taking place in the American labor movement which are destined to shake the American Federation of Labor to its very foundations. The rift between the two camps in the A. F. of L. is steadily widening and it is almost inevitable that an open breach will occur before many months have passed. The pact entered into by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers with the Committee for Industrial Organization is only an indication of the alignments that will take place in the American Federation of Labor on the question of craft versus industrial organization. So far the struggle between the two opposing forces has been confined almost entirely to the upper strata of trade union leaders.

But the struggles cannot be kept within the confines of the upper bureaucracy of the trade union movement. It will have its inevitable effects and repercussions in the deep strata of the American working class, both organized and unorganized. The economic pressure on the unorganized worker is speedily driving him to seek means to protect his interests. He feels instinctively that craft unionism, as preached in the past by the A. F. of L., will not suffice. Indeed, that method of organization has completely demonstrated its inefficiency. The unorganized worker feels that his greatest security lies with a Union organization that takes into its ranks all of the workers in his industry. By its very nature craft unionism cannot provide such form of organization.

On the other hand, the organized worker who has experienced the futility of craft union organization knows that new amalgamations and new alignments must take place in the labor movement before it can become an instrument that can hope to cope with new economic conditions. The American labor movement has reached the crossroads. One road leads to unionization of thirty millions of unorganized American workers; the other points to the swamp of confusion and impotency, but in the end the great mass of American workers will make the final choice.

Labor Legislation

The so-called liberal labor legislation, which has been enacted into law by the Roosevelt administration, and which has promptly been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, should teach a valuable lesson to American workers. The lesson that must be learned by the American working class is that no administration and no government can bring about, by legislative act, any social reforms that are not acceptable to the ruling class. The nullifying of the New Deal Social Reform Program by the Supreme Court is a good indication of how much working class reformism can be accomplished through the medium of legislation.

The NRA, the Guffey Act and scores of other attempts to legislate wages and working conditions succumb quickly to the United States Supreme Court, dominated by, and the expression of the existing social order. The NRA, weak and impotent as it was, is dead at the hands of the court. The Guffey Act, which was hailed as the magna charta of the American miners, experienced the same fate. The Wagner-Connery Bill, purporting to give labor some new rights, has already been challenged in the lower courts and no doubt will go the same route as other New Deal labor measures.

No, the American workers are finding that leaning upon a so-called friendly administration only results in the waste of valuable time and further results in acting as a brake on the building of militant powerful unions. No worker should lose sight of one incontestable and non-disputable fact. That is that nowhere, no time and no place have economic reforms been accomplished in any other manner than by determined efforts of workers' organizations. Legislative stamp of approval has only been given these reforms after they had become an accomplished fact.

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 fight.
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 Counties Pa Socialist National
 Convention.

Keeping Step With 574
 By Mickey Dunne

Gamble-Robinson Company are hauling a lot of stuff out—to the dump at Shady Oak.

Dick Helmel has recovered his stolen Packard.

Local 120, in St. Paul, is signing the employers right and left.

The workers in the Gamble branch houses are hot.

The sand and gravel thing is settled. A sweet victory for Local 574.

The Consolidated Drivers have made up a fink list. They say that they are going to turn on the heat.

Look for a surprise at the Daily Star.

Fred Chessey reports that the Kasota job broke down. Wage cutting.

Bill Brown brought back a swell string of fish from Lake Chetek.

Joe Stark, Werner driver, coyly announced one day last week that he was going to be married June 23. He said that the ceremony would take place at the home of the bride. When asked for the address, Joe, who has been going with the girl for five years, had to look it up in the phone directory.

Happy (last of the red men) Holstein is back with the State Highway Department.

THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

Latimer will not be a candidate for re-election.

Carl and Inar's restaurant, on the market, are finding that it does not pay to feed finks. They have overlooked one fact. That is, that the Minneapolis Central Market is UNION.

H. W. Rieman, Belt Line driver, wants to buy a hyd. dump. He can be seen at 302 2nd St. N. E.

574 band will play for the Laundry Workers picnic July 19th at Powderhorn park.

If any more "dogs for sale" ads come in we are going to start a dog department.

The Sumner Field digging job got started this week. It is a union job.

The Building Laborers Union is reaping the rewards of its settle-

Ice Notice
 Again members of Local 574 are cautioned not to accept ice deliveries from any ice driver not wearing a Local 574 button. You are playing into the hands of your enemy when you do otherwise. When in doubt as to what 574 companies should serve you, call the Union office.

ment on the Sumner Project. The 8th St. wrecking job is all union—at the new scale.

Joe Ellis is a social asset to the union. Ask George Miller.

The recent 8th St. elections saw some upsets.

FOUND
 Chauffeur's badge No. 41836 and 574 May button on corner of 14th Ave. and 3rd St. N. Owner call at Union office.

What Morningside grocer welcomed the Gamble pickets with beer and other delicacies?

Bob Brennan, Gamble striker, is going to be married in October, at least that's the rumor.

Gagnon, Boyd steward, was in the office Monday settling seniority differences that have arisen on the job.

The sash workers strike is stronger now than when it started. Many new members have been added to the Union.

FIRST TO NOTICE DEPARTMENT

On the Brown Clothing Company sign in Nicollet Park the word is spelled "un-exelled."

Skoglund's fishing trip did not materialize. A breach of promise suit is in the offing.

Hinkey Haynes is still leading the stewards in new applications.

Independent Truckers troubles on the state graveling job were ironed out in the meeting Monday night.

The Editor was in St. Cloud Saturday night. Gamble trouble.

Pipe Trade Drivers Join Drivers Union

Last week notices were posted in all wholesale plumbing and pipe supply houses calling a meeting for Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. A goodly number of workers were on hand at the appointed time, and at the meeting it was decided to conduct an intensive campaign that would lead to the complete unionization of the drivers, helpers and inside workers in the wholesale plumbing supply houses. When the organization campaign is sufficiently well under way a schedule of wage and hour demands will be drawn up and presented to the employers. The meeting was in charge of G. J. Dunne.

Seven-column headline in the New York Sun: "No More Than 3,200,000 Are Unemployed in All Industries and Trades!" All right, Mr. Bones, den who am dese udder ten million people hangin' around'?

Local news item: Fred Williams, Negro transient, today was sentenced to serve thirty days for theft of a bottle of milk.

Thirty days—why they should have killed him outright for such an assault on private property. Imagine a person stealing a whole bottle of milk—just because he's broke and hungry.

Invaluable knowledge, from a syndicated medical column: Over-eating is Usual Cause of Being Fat.

And: Being on Direct Relief is Usual Cause of Being Thin.

Reverend P. O. Bersell, president of Lutheran Augustana synod, gives the answer to the demand of the masses for work, for decent wages, for peace and for security: We must rely on the power of the living word itself, the efficacy of the sacraments, and the spirit of God Himself, working in and through these means of grace to effect the miracle of the new life in Christ Jesus.

Cleveland news item: Though the Republican credentials committee threw out colored delegations in favor of lily whites from the Southern states, the convention showed its sympathy for the Negro by printing a picture of Abraham Lincoln on the cover of the official convention booklet.

And I suppose the Elephants showed their sympathy to labor by nominating Hearst's man Landon.

The New Republic lays down the line for France: The most decisive measures to be carried through at present are the nationalization of the war industries and the Bank of France.

A hell of a lot of good all this will do—so long as the French Fascists remain armed and hostile. The first thing to do in France is to disarm the Fascist gunmen—and only workers can do this.

Breakdown of a strong man: In our international relations, we must love everybody.—General Hugh S. (strike-breaker) Johnson.

Division of Labor at the Republican Convention: (Stiewer) The Republican Party will not turn its back on those in distress, but (Snell) There must be an end to federal squandering.

Local 160 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 3—Regular membership meeting.
 Thursday, June 4—Executive Board meeting.
 Wednesday, June 10—Stewards and open organization meeting.
 Thursday, June 11—Executive Board and special Kelvinator Dept. meeting.
 Wednesday, June 17—Regular membership meeting.
 Thursday, June 18—Executive Board.
 Wednesday, June 24—Stewards and open organization meeting.
 Thursday, June 24—Executive Board.