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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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MARKET TRUCKERS VICTORS

SASH WORKERS WIN VICTORY IN ALL MILLS

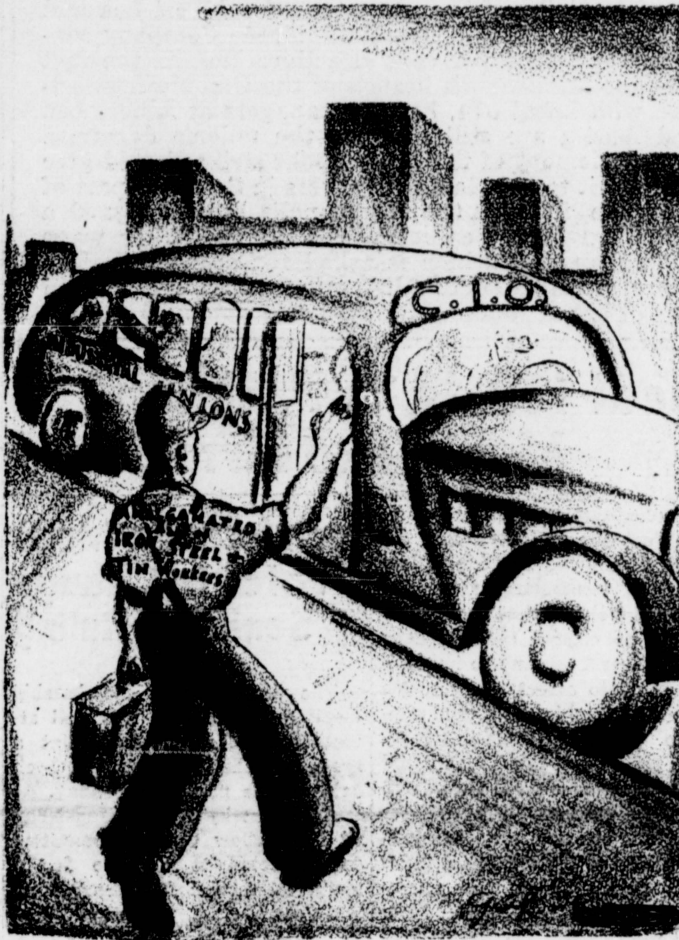
Local 1865 Leads Members
to a Union Contract
With Bosses

Wage Increases, Seniority
and Hour Adjustments
Are Won

The two months old strike of the Sash Door and Mill Workers came to an end Wednesday, June 24, with a smashing victory for the union. Despite the fact that the Citizens Alliance had taken charge of the owners' end of the struggle, the ending of the strike must be chalked up as a defeat for the Alliance and victory for organized labor. The strike, which was called by an independent union of workers in the sash mills, lasted for over eight weeks. During the course of the strike, the independent union was liquidated and the workers who formerly went to make up the membership of that organization joined with the Cabinet Makers union, Local 1865, an A. F. of L. affiliate. The settlement effected by the sash workers was one that brought union recognition, wage increases and regulation of hours of work. The work week set up in the agreement provides for a 40-hour week with time and one-half for overtime. Local 1865 is recognized as the collective bargaining agency of the workers. A seniority list is to be established by the employers. In general, the workers in the sash and door mills have taken a gigantic stride forward. It is true that all the demands of the union were not met. It is also true that the agreement did not take the best form. But the point is, that the union in the sash and door mills is established. This union, properly led and properly handled, can become a powerful weapon in the hands of the sash workers. The real task still lies ahead for these workers. They must be alert to checkmate the moves the employers will make to destroy the union. They must insist and demand that the bosses observe the spirit and letter of the contract. The workers must form militant shop committees in each factory. Without leadership and vision the victory may well turn into a defeat. One thing is sure, the workers who conducted the bitter struggle for over two months will not be ready to surrender the fruits of victory without a struggle.

Robert Peterson, contractor who remodeled the union halls, had labor trouble last week. His announced that he would rather loaf than work.

On the Band Wagon



Local 160, N. S. P. Union Must Take Firm Stand

Local 160, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at the Northern States Power Company, has definitely reached a crossroads in its organizational life. It must now prepare itself to take the turn that will demonstrate to those who go to make up its membership that it is an instrument that can be used for their economic betterment.

To those who understand the tactics that are being used by the management of the Northern States Power Company can readily come to the realization that it is part of a campaign aimed at discrediting the Union organization in the eyes of the workers involved. For a period of almost a year the company has steadily carried out their well-planned campaign of stalling, evasion and delay.

The agreement entered into by Local 160 with Robert Pack, general manager of the company, has never had all of its provisions and promises put into effect. When the Union committees, in the various departments, attempt to have these matters adjusted they are met by an attitude of passive resistance rather than open hostility and refusal. Department managers pass the buck to other department heads, the committee is sent from one company representative to another and at no time meeting the complete refusal of the company to comply with the agreement until the committee finds itself lost in a maze of promises, protestations and buck passing.

In spite of the fact this condition has prevailed for a considerable time the Union has steadily grown in membership, increased in prestige and has given promise of its ability to compel the management to fulfill their obligations. But the Union cannot continue to

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Strike at N. S. P.

Two Departments of Power Workers Walk Out of Plant

As we go to press comes the news that workers employed in the Overhead and Underground departments at the Northern States Power Company have gone on strike and actively picketing the Power Company office and shops.

The cause of the strike is the failure of the company to put into effect the wage increases and the seniority provisions of January 15 agreement that was signed between Robert Pack and Local 160, N. S. P. Employees Union.

The strike action was voted at a union meeting held Monday, June 29.

Gamble-Robinson Co. Signs Agreement With General Drivers Union

Latimer Fails to
Reappoint Mrs.
Selma Seestrom

Workers Insist That She Go
Back on Board

Last week saw Mayor Latimer aim another heavy blow at the local Farmer-Labor Party. The new betrayal of the Party by Latimer consisted in his failure to re-appoint Mrs. Selma Seestrom to the Board of Public Welfare. Mrs. Seestrom, who had been filling an unexpired term on the Board, has been a militant and determined fighter in behalf of relief clients.

The stand taken by Mrs. Seestrom in the behalf of the exploited workers on the relief lines brought her under the displeasure of I. S. Joseph, welfare board spokesman of the bankers and employers. What Joseph does not want is anyone on the Board who will raise their voice to stem the campaign of exploitation that is being planned for relief clients. It is evident now that when I. S. Joseph speaks, Latimer jumps through the hoop.

Along with his failure to re-appoint Mrs. Seestrom, Mayor Latimer issued a long and vicious attack on the former welfare board member. The day after the public attack on Mrs. Seestrom, Latimer announced the appointment of Mrs. Sunby, member of the Seventh ward Farmer-Labor Club, to fill the place left vacant by Mrs. Seestrom's dismissal.

When it became evident that Mrs. Seestrom would not be re-appointed, delegations of Farmer-Labor women invaded Latimer's office to hotly protest this gross betrayal of the workers' interests. They were greeted by an empty office. The Mayor was elsewhere. Monday the situation was further complicated by the announcement of Mrs. Sundry that she would not accept the appointment.

Mrs. Sunby said that she considered Mrs. Seestrom well fitted for the position and said that she feared that the position taken by Mayor Latimer would result in a split in the party ranks. According to expressed views of several F-L party leaders, the party, as a whole, would continue to demand Mrs. Seestrom's re-appointment.

Local Team Wins

Saturday afternoon the Local 574 diamondball team won over the Holmes team by a score of 13 to 10. The winning pitcher was Kermer. Bohn pitched for Holmes.

Strike Ends in a Victory for
All Workers on
Market

Pay Increases and All Union
Rights Are Granted
Workers

The two weeks' strike at the Gamble-Robinson Company came to an end Thursday, June 25. It was a complete and sweeping victory for General Drivers Union Local 574. The men returned to work under a signed agreement which is precisely the same as the original agreement offered to the Gamble-Robinson Company along with all the rest of the market firms.

It is a significant fact that the only company which refused to renew its signed agreement with Local 574 was a subsidiary of the General Fruit Company, a huge corporation engaged in the distribution of fruit and produce throughout the United States. Not only is the national policy of the General Fruit Company distinctly anti-union, but their local representative, the Gamble-Robinson Company, had been strengthened and encouraged by the local Citizens' Alliance to resist the demands of Local 574.

The workers on the Minneapolis Central Market had very properly insisted that the Gamble company sign a similar agreement to that which was entered into by the rest of the market concerns. They refused to do this. As a result on Thursday, July 11, the Gamble-Robinson workers, numbering about 60, left the job and immediately commenced picketing and bannered the struck company. So efficiently was the strike carried on and so thoroughly were the men imbued with the desire to have justice done that the Gamble-Robinson Company found themselves completely unable to function.

Grocers, who had been formerly customers of the struck company, demonstrated immediately that they did not wish to incur the displeasure of the Drivers Union. In the meantime an active campaign was being carried on in the various branch houses of the Gamble-Robinson Company throughout the northwest. They were apprised of the strike going on in Minneapolis and readily promised their support not to haul goods into the struck territory.

Besides the active co-operation of the workers in the outside branches the workers in several of the Gamble houses outside Minneapolis formulated their own wage and hour demands and struck the local branches. In All

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Gamble-Robinson Co. Signs Agreement With General Drivers Union

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bert Lea and Austin the Independent Union of All Workers gave leadership to the local Gamble workers and led them in a struggle against the company. Meetings were conducted in St. Cloud, Willmar, Fergus Falls, Alexandria, Brainerd and other places where Gamble branches were located.

The committee of Gamble workers in charge of the strike were tireless in their efforts to bring about a leveling in the wages and working conditions in the various branch houses of the company. After the tenth day of the strike, the local management of the Gamble Company indicated that they were ready to meet with the representatives of Local 574. The only fruits of the first meeting with the company officials was the receiving of a proposal from the employers to enter into a stipulation with the Latimer Employer Relation Board. This proposal was promptly turned down by the Union.

The negotiating committee repeated their very reasonable demands that the Gamble Company enter into a direct agreement with Local 574 which would contain the same provisions as the contract signed by the rest of the market group. After several meetings the Gamble Company decided that discretion was the better part of valor and signed a direct agreement with General Drivers Union. The Gamble workers returned to work Thursday morning.

Ness and Belore Will Be Honored

The two heroes of the 1934 truck drivers strike, Brothers Ness and Belore, will be remembered in the second annual demonstration staged by Local 574 in their honor. The anniversary of the shooting of Ness and Belore falls on Monday, July 20. It has been decided that the services to honor these fallen martyrs will be held Saturday afternoon, July 18.

At the last regular membership meeting held on June 20 it was decided by motion that a Ness-Belore Memorial Committee be set up to arrange the service. A committee of ten has been appointed which will hold its first meeting Monday evening, July 29, at General Drivers headquarters. Walter Hagstrom, committee man at the Yellow Cab Co., is chairman of the committee.

It is imperative that every member of the committee be on hand for the first meeting where details will be worked out for the demonstration. Every member of the Union and all supporters and sympathizers of the trade union movement should interest themselves in this coming event. Henry Ness and John Belore were truly martyrs in the cause of the working class. They gave freely and generously that other workers might benefit.

It is only fitting that on July 18 members of Local 574 and all workers should turn out in mass to honor their own fallen heroes. Detailed plans for the demonstration will be announced in forthcoming issues of the Northwest Organizer.

Arrest Old Woman

Five more pickets have been arrested at the Rockwood hosiery mill, charged with intimidation of citizens. One was a 60-year old woman, arrested for the second time.

STEEL CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY AS C. I. O. MOVES

Industrial Committee Organizers Will Take Field

A constant stream of veteran labor organizers, sleek salesmen and hard-bitten men from Pennsylvania's coal mines and steel mills is pouring into the crowded offices of the United Mine Workers of America district office in Pittsburgh.

By the beginning of July that stream will be diverted to the Grant Building, Pittsburgh's finest skyscraper where the Steel Workers organizing Committee has taken headquarters. But even without an office of its own and a slate of 200 organizers far from filed, the "streamlined" steel campaign has been shoved into high gear in an effort to produce every possible accomplishment before the American Federation of Labor's executive council meets in Washington, July 8.

At that time, it is predicted, the council will once again ask the ten union affiliates of the Committee for Industrial Organization to withdraw under definite threat of suspension from the federation. From the speeches of the steel campaign leaders and from general talk in Pittsburgh, however, it seems hardly probable that they will comply. Meanwhile, the organizing committee is anxious to present a strong and successful record for the early days of the campaign to answer possible criticism and threats.

Significant of the fear of the steel bosses is their newly-adopted policy of cream and vinegar. While on the one hand, new compromises in the shape of small wage boosts and plans for new recreational centers are being offered to thwart the drive, Sunday plant operations have been started, apparently to keep workers out of range of the organizers' voices. Both the Allegheny Steel Corp. in Brackenridge and the National Tube Corp. in McKeesport kept their plants at work the day the campaign mass meetings started.

But the radio, the press and the pamphlet, in addition to the speeches of organizers and the word-of-mouth advertising of union members will bring the union campaign to thousands of workers. From the hopeful, pleading expressions on the faces of the audience at the Brackenridge and McKeesport meetings, the campaign will meet an enthusiastic response despite attacks and provocations by the rulers of the nation's most powerful industry.

Wisconsin Labor Hits Hearst Press

All publications owned or controlled by William Randolph Hearst were out on the unfair list by the Sheboygan central labor council by unanimous vote. Sheboygan readers were warned not to fall for Hearst's half-price campaign for the Wisconsin News of Milwaukee, where a strike of union reporters and deskmen has been on since February under American Newspaper Guild direction.

Bill Brown Says—

The settlement of the sash and door workers strike should be a lesson to every union man and woman in Minneapolis. This was a group that could never be organized before. With the assistance of Miles Dunne and a loyal group of workers in the industry over 600 of the workers were organized and gained recognition of their union. This marks the first time that a union has been recognized in the sash and door factories. Local 574 is proud of the part it played in organizing these workers. The only reward we ask is that they help bring true the slogan of our union, "Make Minneapolis a union town."



BILL BROWN
President of 574

Independent Truck Chatter

The two Russians break into the headlines again. They are away on a mystery trip equipped with tents, a new motor and sealed orders. We hope a detailed report will be made by the time the next Organizer appears on the horizon.

When you members decide to hire a driver to take your place while you go on a "spree" or vacation, do you think to ask him if he can drive a truck? You bet you do, and yet some members send men who are not Union men and claim you did not know they were not union. There is a five dollar fine set up just to remind you of this, so keep your nose clean.

Can you imagine a man trying to work on a Union job without a button? Well, a member who owns truck No. 14 on state graveling job, after receiving his bonus last Friday, decided to have a little "rest." He sent a young man out on the job Saturday morning who did not seem familiar to the stewards so he was asked for his button.

"Button, Oh! I left that at home," he replied.

"Well, go home and get it," was the steward's command.

About an hour and a half later he appeared again on the job.

"Here's the button," said he as he approached the steward.

"Good," said the steward. "Now where is your receipt?" he continued still suspicious of the lad.

"Receipt! Gosh I believe I left it at home."

"Go home and get it," was the prompt retort.

The lad did not appear any more on the job that day and as the day was over the stewards from this job stopped in at the Local on the way home. While sitting in the office discussing this and other topics of the day, they heard a familiar voice requesting to join up with 574.

Yes, you have guessed it, their pal was there at the window. When approached, he admitted he had tried to bluff the boys; but upon finding them too smart he decided to join up. Our compliments to you Myron Anderson and George Doake, a nice job of stewarding and we are sure that this owner will thank you for saving him five dollars.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 2, in the third floor hall. This meeting will be of the greatest importance to all members. There will be discussion on the seniority list with the State Highway and WPA new set-up which goes into effect July 1.

At a special meeting held last Monday night, Milt Hodson was appointed an advisor to the two stewards on the gravel job.

What is the matter, Douglas Splady, on Project No. 2245, you still have no emblem on your truck? You are the only one on this job so "let's keep in the buggy."

Gamble Strike in Austin And Albert Lea Still On

The strike of the workers at the Albert Lea and Austin plants of the Gamble-Robinson Company continues to be 100 per cent effective. Despite the fact that the Minneapolis branch of the Gamble firm settled with Local 574, branch managers at Albert Lea and Austin are still resisting the union's demands. The settlement of the Minneapolis strike should give new spirit to the Gamble workers in the rural part of the state in that the Minneapolis branch signed a union agreement calling for a much higher wage scale than that which is asked for elsewhere. The Independent Union of All Workers at Albert Lea and Austin are conducting the strike.

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grow, function and maintain the respect of the membership unless it quickly demonstrates to the workers involved that it has the POWER to compel the Northern States Power Company to immediately put into effect every single clause contained in the signed stipulation.

The time when the Union could afford to evade a final showdown with the company has passed. Rather a showdown is an essential prerequisite of the continued functioning of the Union. The necessity of the day for Local 160 is such action as will demonstrate to the members of the Union that the organization is worth while in a matter of dollars and cents. A final settlement of the wage adjustments promised by the company must be delayed no longer. Working conditions promised in the stipulation must be put into effect at once. Promises, honeyed words and evasion on the part of the management will no longer suffice. Local 160 must act.

Auto Mechanics Win Strike at Minar Motor

The strike of Auto Mechanics Union, Local 382, directed against the Minar Motor Company, 1708 Central Ave., came to an end Friday at 10 p. m. The refusal of the management of the Minar Company to renew its agreement with 382 led to the calling of the strike. When approached by the union, Minar said that he was willing to pay the wages but that he would not sign an agreement with the union.

After his employees had walked out of the garage and started a picket line, Minar decided that a signed contract with the union was the best after all. The strike which affected about 20 men, ended with the signing of the union agreement. The next day the H. J. Minar Company, located at 4208 Lake Street, also entered into an agreement with the Auto Mechanics.

Charles H. Moorman, worker at the Richmond hosiery mill, was electrocuted when he touched a short circuit. Fellow workers said the short has been known to the mill officials for some time. Moorman leaves a wife and two children.

Membership Meet Votes to Change Seniority Ruling

The last regular membership meeting of June 22 was well attended despite the fact that a specially called meeting had been held on the previous Monday.

A motion by Walter Hagstrom, of the Yellow Cab, a committee was selected to arrange for a memorial service for Henry Ness and John Belore, who were killed in the 1934 truck drivers strike. An amendment to the constitution and by-laws of Local 574 was offered to the membership. The constitution amendment consisted of changing the seniority right period from 30 to 15 days. The amendment carried unanimously and under the new ruling workers names must be added to the seniority list 15 days after employment.

Harry DeBoer reported on the Gamble-Robinson strike. His report showed that not only was the Minneapolis branch of the company completely shut down by the strike but their branch houses throughout the northwest were also rapidly affected.

Brother Skoglund reported on the situation existing in the sand and gravel industry. His report showed that the Union and the employers were rapidly coming to an agreement.

V. R. Dunne, Trustee of General Drivers Union, made the report on the negotiations that are being carried on between Local 574 and the Teamsters International. Dunne reported that Local 574 had been approached by representatives of the Teamsters International who had made the Union an offer to return to the A. F. of L.

The proposal from the Teamsters International was read to the membership and on a motion from the floor the report was accepted as informative. Brother Hagstrom, under good and welfare, spoke at some length on the C. I. O. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Headline from China: Canton Doctor Makes Anti-Starvation Pills.

Here's hoping the relief agencies don't look into this.

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.	

WOODENWARE WORKERS WALK OUT ON STRIKE

Puffer-Hubbard Employees Strike Against 30c Hour Wage Scale

Employees of the Puffer-Hubbard Co., south Minneapolis wood-working factory, went on strike Friday, June 27, in an attempt to force the management of this notorious anti-union concern to pay a living wage and grant decent conditions of employment.

During the last two months the employees of the Puffer-Hubbard Co. have been organized into Furniture Workers Union, Local No. 1859, the A. F. of L. affiliate. Despite the fact that representatives of the Furniture Workers Union have tried in every manner to effect a peaceable settlement of the differences between the Union workers and the management, all their efforts have been unavailing.

From the outset the Citizens' Alliance, Minneapolis open shop association, represented by McAloon, interjected itself into the controversy. There is little question but that the Union, dealing directly with the management, could have settled the difference before the strike stage was reached. In this case, as in others, the Citizens' Alliance has stood as a barrier between the workers and the management.

Wednesday, June 24, the company made a counter proposal for the Union's demands. It was a typical open shop Citizens' Alliance proposition. Among other things, it proposed a minimum wage of 30c per hour, contained no clause guaranteeing the Union men seniority and was no guarantee that the starvation wage proposed would even be permanent.

A. L. Goetzman, manager of the Puffer-Hubbard Company, made the proposal to the Union committee. The Committee very properly rejected this open shop offer of the company, and on Friday morning a picket line was established and the strike was on. The Puffer-Hubbard Company, which is in the hands of the receiver, contend that 30c per hour is the limit of their ability to pay. However, workers who have been employed at the plant for some time insist that the company has always operated at a handsome profit.

The strike committee announced that the strike will continue and an active picket line will be maintained until such time as the management agrees to recognize the Union and to grant a living wage. About 100 men are affected.

On WPA Projects

A few of the boys on Project 250 went fishing June 27, 1936, at Long Lake.

Pay day was too much for Walter Witt and Carl Sumerson. They both stayed home Friday.

The boys are back in Camden for a few days.

Bert Nyberg is in the Union. Good for him, he had to.

George Mann, 1904 3rd St. N., has a saw outfit on a trailer. If you have any wood to be sawed call on George.

July 21 is the deadline for the cement finishers to join their Local. Watch out, boys.

Resolution on Dismissal of Mrs. Seestrom from Welfare Board at Open Meeting on Direct Relief by Federal Workers Section 574

WHEREAS, Mayor Latimer has failed to reappoint Mrs. Seestrom to the Board of Public Welfare and has announced the appointment of another for that position, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Latimer has repeatedly shown beyond every doubt, that he has sold himself body and soul, to the Citizens Alliance and the reactionary interests it represents, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Latimer holds or held the undated resignation of Dr. Herbolzheimer who dares not raise his voice for Labor, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Seestrom has most consistently carried out her faith and allegiance to organized labor, and

WHEREAS, We believe that Mrs. Seestrom's rare courage, principle, and honesty are most outstanding of all members of the Welfare Board both present and for many years past, and that we, the maximum victims of the depression, have most faith and confidence in Mrs. Seestrom, and we also have a distinct feeling that we seriously erred in ever having voted for Latimer.

THEREFORE WE RESOLVE, That we condemn Mayor Latimer's attempt to terminate Mrs. Seestrom's service on the Welfare Board and that we demand Mrs. Seestrom's immediate and unconditional reappointment for a full term as member of the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION LOCAL 574
G. J. Dunne, Chairman

Northwest Workers Are Turning Toward Sound Union Organization

A veritable wave of organizational activity is sweeping through the northwest today. Workers from every craft and calling are turning toward unions more eagerly than ever before. Groups of workers who have never before known or experienced union organization are eagerly looking toward an organized labor movement for help and assistance in securing economic reforms.

In Minneapolis alone, during the last three months' period, no less than a dozen different groups of workers have been organized. Some with the help of A. F. of L. organizers. Some with the assistance rendered by Local 574 and some who have by their own effort, unaided by either group, built a union organization for themselves.

The cause of this organizational activity is not difficult to find. The economic pressure that is being placed upon the American working class by the employers, the speed-up system introduced into modern production and the desperate plight of millions of unemployed American workers are causes which are the determining factors in the present rising tide of workers organizations.

It is inconceivable to think that the workers who are now so eagerly turning toward the unions will be satisfied to entrust their destinies to the old antiquated, outmoded craft union form of organization. Instinctively they distrust something which their experience, even from afar, has shown its weaknesses. The new spirit in American workers manifests itself in a demand that they go into organizations with a more closely knit structure than that which is afforded by the craft union.

That the American working class, under the present pressure, will organize itself there can be no doubt and the burning desire for organization is a guarantee that they will choose the form of union organization that will guarantee them the greatest rewards.

New York Barbers Win New Pay Boost

Thousands of New York barbers are back at work in the current strike, having won their demands for \$22 a week and 50% over \$37 taken in, an increase of \$5 to \$10 a week in earnings.

Shoe Workers Face Drastic Wage Cuts

Bluffing to obtain a 19% wage cut, the Diamond Shoe Co. has announced its intention of quitting its three Brockton shoe factories and placing contracts with outside firms to supply its retail outlets. Shoeworkers, members of an independent brotherhood, believe the company is slowing down operations in an effort to put the cut over. The company cut wages 9% in 1935.

Textile Union Votes To Stay in C. I. O.

The United Textile Workers of America executive council, meeting at New York, backed up President Thomas F. McMahon in his announced determination to stay in the Committee for Industrial Organization "regardless of consequences." McMahon added that a representative of the U. T. W. A. would be selected to participate in the steel organization campaign, and that the union would counsel with the C. I. O. on plans for a textile organization campaign in the south and certain regions of Pennsylvania.

Terror in Arkansas Draws Hot Protest

"I have heard of men being beaten and killed in eastern Arkansas because of the activities in the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, but now that these outlaws have turned to beating women, I can hold my peace no longer," John Rust, inventor of the Rust cotton picking machine, has written president Roosevelt. He urged that steps be taken to stamp out violence such as that suffered by Miss Willie Sue Blagden, when she investigated the reported murder of a striking Negro sharecropper by planters.

Owner of truck license No. 6528 on Project No. 2245 who believes only in Unions who will furnish him with free buttons, re: "Imported 500," had better fall in line. You may need a helping hand some day, so let's join up with the other fifty members on that job.

FOR SALE

One and one-half yard hydraulic hoist. Call H. Kelley at 2321 Grand Ave. S. Ke 0810.

Radio Workers in A Vital Struggle

With 60 pickets and strike sympathizers already under arrest during the first two days of the huge walkout at the RCA-Victor's Camden Plant, the struggle of the young United Electrical and Radio Workers of America to wrest a union agreement from one of the nation's most powerful industrial combines was on in earnest.

Company officials, who called in Hugh S. Johnson to represent them and at first minimized the size of the walkout, were admitting that more than 8,000 of their 12,000 employees were out. The Union said approximately 10,000 were out, demanding the right to collective bargaining and increase of 20% to 30% which would bring wage rates up to those paid at the nearby unionized Philco plant. Negotiations continued, with the Union expecting a company counter-proposal for settlement.

The arrest, in which three were injured and three score jailed, took place from time to time as police and company thugs attempted to scatter picket lines and convoy strikebreakers into the plant.

Southern News Sheet Condones Flogging

Arkansas planters not only flog women, but are proud of it! Commenting on the brutal beating of Miss Willie Sue Gladden, who went to Earle to investigate the reported death of a striking Negro sharecropper, the Earle Enterprise, planters' spokesman, states: "The woman was completely out of her place. Assisting in conducting a Negro funeral is not a job for a white woman in the South." It says opinions may differ on the wisdom of beating a white woman, but avers that floggings "produce results" in curbing "agitation," where other methods fail.

4,500 Steel Workers Attend Mass Meet

The Steel Workers Organizing Committee pushed forward its drive to organize the half-million workers in the nation's largest open shop industry with mass meetings at McKeesport and Brackenridge, Pa., attended by 4,500. With the organizing machinery still being set up, the committee is rushing its work that it may have definite accomplishments to its credit by the time the American Federation of Labor executive council meets July 8 in Washington.

Ohio Strikers Fight Battle With Scabs

"They asked for it. We didn't. Now they got it. This is war!" So roared strikers at the Black and Decker Electric Co. in Kent as they agreed in an all-day gun battle with strikebreakers who had opened fire on pickets as they were conveyed into the closed factory plant. When a truce was declared Union leaders guarded the strikebreakers from the angry crowds as the thugs were hurried to the police station to be arrested and placed in "safe" quarters. The strike has been on since May 3.

New York news item: A Nobleman's union has been founded here by Baron Georgie Suriani di Castelnovo, for the purpose of investigating the hordes of counts and dutchesses who clog Park Avenue's sidewalks.

Even the royalty can't stand scabs. What I want to know is, are they for craft or industrial unionism.

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

MOVING OUT!

Heretofore Local 574's band has confined its musical efforts to the halls and clubrooms of general headquarters. Now, however, during the month of July jobs, which will take us not only away from headquarters, but out of town, have been booked.

Independence Day finds the band at Marine On St. Croix. The while town should turn out, producing an aggregate total of 24 men, seven boys, 32 women and 97 dogs.

Sunday, July 19, as far as concerns the band, will be a mixture of sandwiches, pickles, mustard and music. On the mentioned date we journey to Powderhorn Park for a picnic job* * * *

WINCHELLING—

A large and odorous blossom of some sort should be given to Shep Fields for his exotic arranging. You, no doubt, have heard his recordings of "Us On A Bus" and "Toots to Me." They're really grand. * * * *

END OF TROY

Dick Atherton, who started out musically to emulate Eddie Peabody, has fallen for a bass drum owned by your correspondent. So now with a little capital and a lesson or two he'll probably do a Polly McKlintock — or maybe a "Brodie" * * * *

WONDERS OF SCIENCE:

We in the band were always reasonably sure he had the stuff. His piano playing is above the average. One night not long ago we had occasion to see him at work while carrying a large load of "mountain dew." Did that lad ever go to town! Well, really * * *

WEATHER REPORT:

Saturday fair and warmer probably followed by Sunday, Monday and rehearsal on Tuesday* * * *

COMMENT—

People who live in glass houses should never throw wild parties... The bounty on finks has been lowered 42% because of the present supply which is plentiful. The National Guards are encamped. The difference between a skunk and a fink, incidentally, is in favor of the skunk—his fur is valuable—and he doesn't smell as bad. It's not complimentary to the skunk to make this comparison... Well, that's 30.

JUST YOU AND ME

June 20, 1936
Confidential Memorandum on

The State of the Nation

Population of the United States reported as	124,000,000
Those eligible for old age pension	30,000,000
	94,000,000
Persons working for Federal, State, County, City and other governments	20,000,000
	74,000,000
Those ineligible to work under child labor laws	60,000,000
	14,000,000
Number of unemployed in nation	13,999,998

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(Just you and me, and I'm getting tired—so let's go fishing.)

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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."

Labor Beware

"Guardians of the Law" look on smilingly as their own deputies and hired thugs assault and beat up a hosiery union organizer in broad daylight in a little mill town in Tennessee. It is the third such assault in a situation that has seen two kidnappings and the eviction of 21 families from their homes.

In the cotton districts of Arkansas, members of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union are on strike. Their present pay is 75 cents for a day of totally indefinite length; and they are asking \$1.25 for a 10 hour day. Member after member of this union has been beaten up by gangs mustered and financed by the landlords. A scholarly teacher and mild-mannered woman from outside the strike belt, who ventured into it to learn the truth about a report that one tenant farmer had been beaten to death, were themselves seized and flogged, and warned not to return on penalty of death.

In Gadsden, Alabama, where the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. has a plant, a meeting was held at which Sherman H. Dalrymple, president of the United Rubber Workers, was to speak. Dalrymple was arrested during the meeting by the sheriff of the county, taken to the courthouse grounds, and there, still in charge of the sheriff who looked on throughout the ceremony, was beaten half to death. The downright heroism of his wife, who saw the beating, and carried her half conscious husband 20 miles before she could find a doctor, is all that has kept Dalrymple alive.

Seven strikers were shot in a clash which followed firing into picket lines surrounding the Black and Decker Tool Company's plant at Kent, O. Shotguns and tear gas shells were fired into the picket lines as two big vans moved strikebreakers into the factory shortly after 6 a. m.

One man was killed and four others wounded when more than 300 shots were fired by company guards in an attempt to bring food to imported strikebreakers at the New Boston, O., plant of the Wheeling Steel Corporation, this week.

Not just isolated instances in peculiarly chaotic or Bourbon-ridden industries, but a planned, co-ordinated, disciplined and universal offensive against labor by industrialists that do not hesitate to employ the methods of lynchings and uncivilized warfare in their attempts to crush labor and preserve profits.

No unionists, no union, no liberal can afford to sit back smugly and deplore the brutality of Nazism or the economic indignities of fascism, foolishly thankful for the freedom and liberty that is an American's.

It is happening here—today—yesterday and tomorrow—in your town and mine.

But only if it is strongly organized, if every worker is prepared to align himself with his fellows and fight and sacrifice and struggle in order to achieve an America that is free in Tennessee and Arkansas as well as in the Union League and the Middlesex Yacht and Polo Club, an America where freedom is more than an old party plank to a hosiery worker and the man that makes the tires the bankers' autos run on.

The Labor Press

The value of a labor paper as an organ of the trade union movement has been amply demonstrated by the reputation that has been accorded to the Northwest Organizer. Without this medium of expression at the disposal of the local union it is extremely doubtful if Local 574 could have withstood the blows and weathered the storms to which it has been subject during the year that has just passed.

Without any means of answering the slander and attacks that were directed against the Union by the Citizens Alliance and labor-hating employers it is a moot question of whether or not we could have continued to grow and expand. Not only were attacks directed against us from outside of the movement but they came from inside as well. Certain enemies of Local 574 within the trade union movement directed barrages of scandal and criticism at General Drivers Union. Without the ability to answer these attacks and without the means of laying the Union's side of the case before the membership our plight would have been desperate indeed.

During the time of our greatest trials the Organizer stood like a rock of Gibraltar. It unflinchingly and fearlessly continued to truthfully put forward the Union's side of the question. It took the progressive side of every question and continued to hew to the line. No matter what the capitalist press contained in its columns, day after day the Organizer calmly continued week after week to logically refute scandal and lies that were circulated against our organization. The Organizer has been a tower of strength through Local 574. It has been our strength and our safety. It must never be allowed to die.

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Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

Jack Seiverson has left the Colonial flat and has returned to his old love, the Highway Department.

Lotz is home again.

Casey has left the Star. He is a baker now.

MOUNTAIN COMES TO MAHOMET DEPT.

McAloon, High Priest of the Citizens' Alliance, called the union office on the phone one day last week.

Well, of all things,—the street car men are wearing RED union buttons this month.

Members of Local 1859 kitten-ball team and the Federal Workers ballers celebrated dandy Monday evening.

Thanks to the Gamble workers who took the Pic's that were published in the Organizer last week.

The sash workers were delighted to return to work Thursday, June 25.

The Steno's Union threw a tea at the Y Thursday—Ruff things.

The editor will be the speaker at the June 19 picnic of the Laundry Workers Union.

It is not true that Claude Berlin is on the pay-roll of Local 574.

"Honest John" Williams, Meter Master, of Local 160 is back reading 'em.

The sash strikers mopped up on the Northern Oats scabs as the last official act Wednesday.

Berlin, Big Boss at Gamble Robinson, met with the Gamble strikers in the union hall Wednesday.

Many down-town news stands now carry the Northwest Organizer.

Now that the first edge has worn off, the headlines should read, Bonus Boys Behave Better.

Wild West Frosig went to trial Friday on the charge of toting a cannon.—Silly.

Local 1859, Furniture Workers Union, are having a tussle at the Puffer-Hubbard Company.

The Independent Truck Owners had only one member loafing last week.

The new union halls are in constant use.

The Federal Workers K-ball team went down Sunday 7 to 2 to the Furniture Workers at the Socialist picnic.

All the Sash and Door drivers have been returned to General Drivers Union.

The car committee is still looking.

We are going to miss the sash strikers. They were a fine, orderly group of workers.

The Minneapolis Gas Light employees are getting restless.

A peaceful spot I feign would find.

Where life is more serene and kind

I want to leave all strife behind.

I'll go to Eighth Street.

A very savory stew was served by the Gamble Robinson strikers Thursday.

Yellow drivers are booking almost as well now as they did during the winter.

Ask Donaldson drivers for 574 buttons. They have all got them.

FACTS HARDLY WORTH KNOWING

Horseshoers have a local union in Minneapolis. 500 has a charter. Meyer Lewis is not a Mason. The Stenographers Union does not believe in mass picketing. Central Labor Union meetings are very respectable lately. Building trades unions believe in high wages—for building tradesmen. William Green doesn't like J. L. Lewis. If all craft union fanatics were laid end to end—it would be a good thing.

If L. Rommerdahl wasn't in the front row it would not seem like a union meeting.

He who scabs takes bread from another man's mouth; so why should he eat himself? At any rate, 180 scabs and guards who were spending day and night inside the Wheeling Steel Corp. Portsmouth workers are not bothering to go out for meals through the spirited picket line, since guards bringing in food in violation of a truce arranged, fired on pickets the other day. The fire was returned, and when the smoke of battle cleared, one guard was dead and two company men and a striker were injured. The 5,500 steel strikers are demanding union recognition.

Bourbon Police Aid Given Strikebreakers

Chattanooga police make workers scab whether they want to or not. When President Job Dobbs of the Central Labor Union and girl strikers were picketing the Bennett-Hubbard Candy Co., where trade unionists are striking for a union agreement, they asked a woman employee, about to enter the factory, not to do so. She turned to go away, when Police Captain Marion Perkins picked her up bodily, opened the door and forcibly slung her inside, over her protests. Dobbs was fined \$25 for "disorderly conduct."

LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

Dr. Carl Snyder, statistician of the Federal Reserve Bank: Capitalism is as old if not older than civilization.

That is a stupid lie. Capitalism is several hundred years old. And when I say old, I mean OLD. Capitalism is old unto death, and it is the organized workes of the world who will deal it its death blow and advance to a higher stage of society—to socialism. Jus as the bourgeoisie, in their time, dealt the death blow to feudalism.

Dr. Paul Schumm of the Lutheran Church: Cure for maladjustments in the present social order will not be found in legislative methods but in changing the heart of the individual.

Yep! If all the unemployed got religion, they'd be—unemployed.

A note on Phillipine "independence": Maj. Gen. MacArthur former United States Chief of Staff, was today appointed field marshal of the Phillipine Army. MacArthur's plan to set up an active and carefully planned defense of every foot of shore line in the Islands at an estimated expenditure of \$80,000,000, was transmitted to the National Assembly.

The Phillipine Islands are independent of the United States imperialists—just like a company union is "independent" of the boss.

Los Angeles news item: Business leaders here are banding together to "sell character" to youth through advertisements.

There's plenty of character in America—but most of it is unemployed and will continue to be so until the workers take over power and socialize the means of production.

General Contreras, Venezuelan president who just broke a general strike by using the army against the majority of the people: I am wholeheartedly for democracy. . . but if democracy exceeds the bounds of law and order, I shall meet force with force.

That's democracy for you—it's a swell thing just as long as nobody takes it seriously.

Present state of a once great movement: Definitely placing itself in the presidential fight between the two major parties, the Communist Party in its ninth annual convention yesterday started a "Stop Landon At All Costs" movement.

Teddy "Muskrat" Christianson, Republican lunkhead: Paul Bunyan was a rugged individualist. . . Who is going to pay the huge public debt now being piled up unless there are rugged individualists left to do it?

If we can believe the papers, it seems that most rugged individualists are also pretty slippery when it comes to dodging taxes.

Local 160 Meeting Schedule	
June 30	Regular Stewards meeting
July 1	Regular membership meeting
July 7	Executive Board meeting
July 14	Executive Board meeting
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July 15	Regular Membership meeting
July 21	Executive Board meeting
July 28	Executive Board meeting
*Note the changes of Executive Board meetings and the new setup for stewards meetings.	