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CITIZENS  
ALLIANCE**

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**Conspire to Break Strike!**

**Strikers Eat  
Swell Meal**

**Pine County Farmers  
Donate Chickens**

Chicken dinner was served to three thousand by the commissary department at strike headquarters yesterday, the twenty-eighth day of the greatest strike Minneapolis ever saw. The fraternal alliance of the farmers and the workers in a struggle against a common enemy was vividly demonstrated as the embattled workers lined up at the commissary for the sumptuous banquet prepared for them today through the generosity of the farmers supporting the strike.

The luscious young chickens, which constituted the piece de resistance of the banquet, were donated by Pine County farmers, members of the Pine County Farm Holiday Association, at whose picnic President Brown was the invited guest speaker Sunday. It was a meal fit for a king—or a union man. Besides the chicken the menu consisted of mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, radishes, celery, butter and milk, coffee or buttermilk. Even the truck drivers, helpers and inside men—all fat and overfed from the high living they have enjoyed on the big wages the bosses paid before the strike—had to admit that this feed was just a little better than even they are used to.

A few pickets, recently released from the military stockade, never said a word but just quietly concentrated on the job of stowing away the chow, like men whose dream had come true.

It was one of the "high" days of the strike. A festive spirit prevailed around strike headquarters. Everybody was happy, well-fed and confident of victory. Even the union mascot, the little white pig with the number "574" painted in red on his sides, scampered around more frisky than ever in honor of the day.

The strikers of Local 574 warmly appreciate the generosity of the farmers and their fine solidarity in this struggle. Thanks, Brothers! The bosses give us holoney when we are working; you give us chicken when we are out on strike!

**To Present Relief Demands**

Members of the MCCW will attend a meeting of the city Board of Public Welfare tomorrow morning to present complaints against the manner in which the Division of Public Relief has been carrying out its tasks. Many eligible relief applicants have been denied relief for improper reasons.

Tomorrow's meeting has been called by the Board as a result of the demand made by the MCCW with the support of several trade unions. Demands will be made for a number of changes in the Public Relief policy. All members of the MCCW are asked to attend the session at 11 a. m. in the Court House.

**Lawson to Go on Air**

Tonight George Lawson, state head of the American Federation of Labor, will speak over station WCCO from 7:30-7:45 on the strike situation in Minneapolis.



Look, Pal, Communists!

**The Same Old Run-Around!**

The Citizens Alliance, even before the opening of the drivers' strike, had their puppet Bainbridge ask the Governor for troops. The open-shop bosses wanted the troops to be turned into a sort of deputy-gang of killers under command of Bloody Mike Johannes. But the pro-strike attitude of the overwhelming majority of the population would not tolerate any such use of the state troops. The bosses were disappointed and that is why they clamored for a Federal injunction against martial law.

This clamor of the bosses has confused some elements sympathetic to the strike. They are inclined to think that martial law is a blessing to the strikers. Fortunately the strikers themselves are not fooled for a moment, but it is essential that the broad circles of workers and sympathizers be clarified on this matter.

The problem of strikers is to picket and induce scabs not to take the bread out of the mouths of the striking workers. This problem Local 574 solved very well from the beginning of the strike. The industry was tied up tight as a drum. No help was needed from troops or anybody else.

You might say it is six of one and half a dozen of the other whether strikers or troops do the picketing. This is not so. A union lives and grows only by its own independent activity for which there is no substitute. More than that, **THE TROOPS ARE NOT PREVENTING TRUCK MOVEMENTS.**

The permit system in use now is almost as full of loopholes as the previous permit system. All sorts of chiseling goes on. There is the "legal" variety, whereby firms which refuse to sign the Haas-Dunnigan agreement move stuff under permits of those which have signed. There is the "il-

legal" variety which means moving bootleg stuff, with or without permits.

At the same time that scab trucks move with impunity, violating the "orders" of the Governor and his soldiers, a military concentration camp pens up over a hundred of our finest pickets.

Once a "chiseler," as the Governor calls scabs, was fined \$3.00. Today Brother Jimmy Costello, one of our outstanding pickets, was fined \$25 or twenty-five days, of which he still has 13 days to serve; the charge is that in an automobile he had parked outside a restaurant the troops found a piece of rubber hose. Saturday three other pickets were sentenced to serve time—because the court decided that, although they had done nothing wrong, they might have begun to do it later on!

This afternoon Mrs. Farrell Dobbs, sent to the military court by The Organizer to report trials of pickets, was ejected by the presiding military officer, who will not allow the representative of the workers' newspaper to observe his dispensation of martial justice!

Furthermore, peaceful picketing is still prohibited, we cannot hold our accustomed mass meetings in front of Headquarters or even on the back-lot.

Thus in many ways the troops are still hampering the strike.

Let there be no confusion: the troops are not shooting down workers the way the bosses want, but they are also not helping the strike.

We call upon the Governor, and we are joined in this by hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers throughout the state, to withdraw his troops at once and leave the job to those who have, can and will take care of it—the sterling pickets of Local 574.

**Bosses Claim  
Haas Support**

**Military Soaks Pickets  
in General Anti-  
Union Drive**

**574 CALLS FOR AID**

A general conspiracy to break the strike and to tighten the strangulating grip of the Citizens Alliance on the workers of Minneapolis was brought out in the open today.

In reply, the Strike Committee of 100 has issued a call for mobilization of all workers in strike headquarters, 215 S. 8th St., at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. There a renewed general drive against all strike-breaking forces will be launched.

The wide scope of the conspiracy to smash Minneapolis unionism is revealed by the following incidents:

1. Reports in the boss press that Haas and Dunnigan have abandoned the plan they devised and have gone over to a plan drawn by the bosses. Father Haas has refused to make public denial of the reported desertion of his own "fair" plan.

2. A howling crusade in the kept press that the union alone is blocking the immediate settlement.

3. The plastering of pickets with heavy sentences by the military court.

4. The refusal of a permit for a strike mass meeting at the Parade tomorrow.

5. The announcement of a loosening in the permit system beginning tomorrow.

6. Hints that Messrs. Haas and Dunnigan will try to sell the bosses' plan to the union members over the heads of the strike leaders.

The aim of the conspiracy is to force on the union a "discrimination" clause and to subject wage demands to a complex stalling process, virtually guaranteeing continuation of existing miserable wage levels.

To support the bosses' proposal, Father Haas and Mr. Dunnigan must turn their backs upon their own plan, which they called "just and fair." They must break faith with the union, which accepted it as a compromise, and endorse a plan patented by the open shop Citizens Alliance.

The strikers' ranks seethed with indignation as the tales of the conspiracy became known. Crowds of sympathizers appeared at headquarters. The fighting spirit characteristic of 574 began to surge up with new vigor.

President William S. Brown announced that "The leaders of 574 will not back down." He branded the bosses' "new" proposal as a treacherous restatement of their old one, and said that the attempt to intimidate the union by new threats or to trick it by new maneuvers will not succeed.

Brother Brown called on all workers to assemble at strike headquarters Tuesday night. Union speakers will expose the conspiracy and explain the union's plans for battle.

dere emily

SUNDAY

dere emily,

whatta ya think, kid, I'll be seein you in a day or so, probly. a bunch a us guys from 574 is takin a truck up to big stone county to pick up sum meat that the farmers up there has offered us. these farmers is organized in a sorta club, and it must be the rite kind of a club, eauze they rote down the other day and sez they relized that the farmers and the workers must stick together in this fite and so they wanted to help by givin us a hole loada meats.

after we pick up our load, we're goin to drive overto Turtle Creek an see you. the resta the men want to see you, too, emily, and a course may i do a little, eh, kid, so put on yure other dress and powder yure nose, becuz Mike's comin home.

I'm sure glad, emily, that yure the kind of a girl you are—a reed dotter a the workin class. i gess that wuz bred in yure bones, sorta, you bein brot up in the mining country all yure life almost, and seein how workers has to live and is put upon by the bosses all the time, seein how what little money aint stolen from the worker by the compny is swiped from him by the landlord and the compny store and the compny docter and so on. i'm glad, emily that you aint ambishus in the mean and selfish way that lots a poor woin is—not giving a tinkers dam about the resta a the workers but just ankshus to get ahead in any way possibul, bowin and scrapin and suckin around in front a the bosses and not carin who you kick in the face to get up in the world.

if they is one thing us workers has got to lern, emily, it is this. it wont never do us no good to be ambishus for ourselfes only. we got to be ambishus for ALL our workin class brothers and sisters, and rise with our whole class. becuz this is the ONLY way that all of us will ever get whats comin to us.

so ya allus got to stay the way you are now, emily. kind like, and thinking not jest a you an me, but a all the workers. and not being ever skairt a having me fite the bosses, but glad insted, and willin to fite all YOU kin to help all of us workers, evry day, all the time.

dont rite me, kid, cuz i wudden get the letter as soon as i'll see you. an after all, letter is ok, but nothin kin take the place a seein a party face ta face and talkin thins over, kin it, emily. so jist keep them purty lips puckered up for me, and we'll be together befor ya no it.

Yours,

Mike.

A Note to Mike

The following letter arrived for Mike just after he left town. The editor's cat scratched it open, so we print it and hope that's o. k. with Mike:

dere Mike, You and i talk the same kind of langwage so i thort i wood like to tell you how much i enjoy your letters to dere emily. gee i think shes a lucky girl. after this strike is all settled i hope you 2 can get married but gosh no fella can keep a nice gurl like emily on 12 dollars a week. i am so glad you dont have to put yore letters in soot cases and sneek em down the back way like those citizens alliance folks do when they send letters to there frends. they are such swell letters i jist no you must be a swell guy and if i didnt alrady have a union husband who jist thinks 574 is the grandest union i wood be enclined to be jellus of dere emily we also got a boy too what aint never going to join the nashunal gards and be used to fite union men. i read every bit of the organizer we make a speshal trip every day for it and we will sure patrolrine yore alvertisers just as much as we can i am glad yore tag day was a success. i hope you aint got no more cases of malaria in yore head 1/2 s. take good care of sammy and give our best wishes to dere emily good luck mike i no you are fiting for my boy too. say aint the milk drivers wun-derful.

Susan.

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U Man Flays Chief's Cops

Calls "Battle" Cold-Blooded Shooting

E. E. Fagereng, secretary of the University of Minnesota Press, is the author of the following statement, contained in a letter written shortly after Bloody Friday and just published in the New York Nation:

"On last Thursday and Friday the so-called 'Citizens' Alliance' (an employers' organization) decided that they must break the strike, and determined to terrorize the strikers and then to throw a 'red communistic' scare into the all-too-gullible public. On Friday afternoon, July 20, Father Haas called at the office of Chief of Police Johannes and had the understanding with him that there would be no police intervention until there had been time to arrive at peace terms, and he stated he had reason to believe that the difficulties would soon be ironed out.

"At the very moment of this conference the police were having a showdown with the strikers under orders from Chief Johannes. Apparently the employers feared that the Reverend Haas had too much sympathy in his heart for the workers and that any settlement he might negotiate would give some recognition to the workers' unions.

"The Minneapolis employers are fully determined at all costs to do everything in their power to break the unions and to keep Minneapolis an open-shop town. Last Friday they decided to begin moving trucks under armed guard.

"Hundreds of policemen were called into action, and a test truck containing only a few small boxes was the first to be moved. Naturally the pickets sensed what was being done and gathered to resist. The 'pitched battle' referred to in the local newspapers was a cold-blooded shooting into a group of entirely unarmed men. Not a single one of them carried a weapon.

"The first victim to die, Henry Ness, a Scandinavian World War veteran who is survived by a poverty-stricken widow and four small children, was buried yesterday. Forty of the forty-five victims are reported to have been shot in the back, some of them as far as three blocks away."

Stool Pigeon Makes Speech

Yesterday's Journal contains another Bughouse Fable, only the Journal means it seriously

It seems that one Harold Hofsted addressed a meeting of Rotarians and gave them the low-down on the relation between Communism and 42 1/2 cents an hour. Among his accurate remarks is this, that V. R. Dunne helped found the I. W. W. The I. W. W. was founded some years before V. R. Dunne was born.

Who is Harold Hofsted? When the MCCW was started, he was for a short time a chair man o' a branch. He was fired out for wrecking his branch. In the April 6 gas riot trials, he turned state's evidence. In the May strike he was a deputy but was too yellow for duty in the market. He watched from the top of a building.

Reactionaries then tried to make a Hitler out of him. They gave his "America First Parade" of April 30 plenty of publicity. The fact that 32 people marched in it proved that Minneapolis workers are not to be fooled or frightened. The plan to provoke a riot by means of Hofsted's antics failed.

In short, this Red-baiter is a rat and nothing else.

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News and Views

That the Minneapolis Journal is not getting away with its daily vicious attacks on the workers of this city is strikingly revealed by a report given us concerning one of the Journal routes in the 9th Ward. Before the strike began, this carrier had 170 subscribers. Now he has—76 subscribers; a drop of over 55 per cent. And this is just a shadow of what is to come. Minneapolis workers and sympathizers know what answer to fling in the lying face of the boss press.

When Biplane Five Seven Four arrived at Pine City yesterday, a lot of the boys rushed up to see Bill Brown get out. But he wasn't in! A few minutes later he turned pu in a road-crate. Whereupon the unofficial Union poet let loose the following:

A faker named William S. Brown Said he would fly out of town. But when the time came, He remarked without shame, I'd rather stay down on the groun'.

Rifkin Packing Co. has been expelled from the wholesale meat dealers association because they dared to suggest that the Haas-Hunnigan plan be accepted.

Cliff and Dave, who run the cafe of that name, have helped out the Strike Committee. Thanks are due them.

A donation of six cases of Norseman snuff has been received.

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs Joint Council of which Bill Brown is business agent, has adopted a resolution demanding the removal of Buzz Bainbridge and Bloody Johannes.

Leonard L. Kvann, who let loose the blast of slanders over WCCO the other night, is manager of the Holt Motor Co.

For sweet charity! The Salvation Army is hauling paper to B. F. Nelson and Co. on a charity permit. Drop a nickel—or something—in the tambourine, boys.

Out at the stockade Happy's Gorillas have defeated Swanson's Rats for the kittenball championship.

Peder R. Sande, Phelps, Minn., writes in asking for copies of The

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Organizer. There is hardly a town in the state in which we are without friends.

Mrs. Anne Lockhart, who generally does the late shift on managing the distribution of The Organizer, was among those up at Pine City yesterday.

Helga Treat sends an interesting poem to The Organizer; unfortunately it is too long to print.

The Workers Voice

To the Editor:

Your paper is known as the only one in the Twin Cities giving an accurate account of the present strike. And we certainly wish you as much success in the future as you have had in the past.

I am taking this opportunity, however, to take exception to an article in the issue of August 11. And also to give voice to some details which you have overlooked. The article I have in mind is in regard to the "ex-Yellow driver" involved in the recent stabbing, that was given such an erroneous heading in your sheet.

If you had investigated this, you would have found that this man is not a Yellow Cab driver, but rather an ex-driver, and that it was a family argument. Why you gave it such a heading I do not know, because if you will investigate you will find that a number of your present truck drivers are ex-cab drivers.

For your information, this man involved in this stabbing last worked for the Yellow Cab Co. on July 9.

You sure gave the Yellow Cab men small consideration in this article, and I certainly feel that this statement should be retracted in your next issue.

What unit of 574 remained out on strike after the May strike was settled, and the commissary so miraculously disappeared? The answer is the Yellow Cab drivers.

Were there not quite a number of Yellow Cab drivers in the front lines during the May strike, many of whom were clubbed? The answer is, Yes.

Didn't the announcer at various times during the May strike ask

for ten truck drivers, or five cab drivers? Yes.

It might be well to inform you at this time that some of Mike's little boys even expressed their profound respect for the cab drivers' ability to hold their own.

Does Union mean anything to the Yellow Cab drivers?

It means everything—and the Yellow Cab is 100% Union.

What unit went out just after the bloody trap set by the police department was sprung—the Yellow Cab drivers and without a grumble.

Are there not a number of our men in the stockade at the present time? Yes.

Did not a certain other organization recently become aware that the Yellow Cab drivers take their union seriously and were thwarted by the Yellow Cab drivers from starting a company union for their own chiseling convenience? Yes.

Was not Shierts who was recent shot by the scab truck driver, a Yellow Cab man? Yes.

It seems to me that if the Central Labor Union had shown the integrity of the cab drivers in this present strike, this same strike would by now be past history.

Let us have it understood now that this is not a grievance letter, but due to your article we think it imperative at this time to clarify to all your readers and to each and every union man that the Yellow Cab employees are Union to the core, and as long as you have belittled us in your sheet, prove to each and every man that we have done our bit, and will continue to do so in the future.

Respectfully yours, For the Yellow Cab Drivers, V. E. BLAD

(The article to which Brother Blad justifiably objects came in late, and in the rush of getting out our Saturday four-page issue, we failed to check it as we usually do. Everyone knows that the Yellow Cab boys stand ace-high in 574.—The Editor.)

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