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Till right is done!
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and do!

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LOCAL 574 LAYS BLAME FOR ATTACK ON LOCAL LEADERS

V. Dunne, G. Frosig Suffer Attack by A. F. L. Gangsters

Set Upon by Five Thugs,
Union Officers Badly
Beaten

Last Thursday morning at 11 a. m., in the Omaha Freight yards, George Frosig, Vice-president of Local 574, and V. R. Dunne, member of the Board of Trustees of the Union, were viciously attacked and brutally beaten by five thugs who have been hired by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

At the time of the attack Frosig and Dunne were engaged in peacefully talking to a driver of the L. W. Northfield Co. The beating came without warning and was entirely unprovoked. While engaged in a conversation with the Northfield truck driver, Frosig and Dunne were suddenly set upon by five individuals armed with black-jacks who proceeded to slug them down and while laying on the ground in a semi-conscious condition both were violently kicked and struck again and again.

The car in which the thugs were riding was a 1933 Buick sedan listed as belonging to L. J. Murphy, a recently imported organizer for the local Teamsters Council. It has recently been transferred from an Illinois to a Minnesota license.

Frosig suffered a severe scalp wound which required several stitches to close, a badly injured knee and severe lacerations on the body. Dunne was not so severely injured. The entire membership of the Minneapolis trade union movement has expressed horror and indignation at the brutal gangster tactics being employed by representatives of the local A. F. of L. driving unions.

Gangsters Dynamite Union Print Shop

Gangsters, believed by the police to be connected with the Painters District Council 14, Chicago, dynamited the Union Press, a union print shop where The Chicago Union Painter, an opposition monthly, was being printed.

New York union painters recently ousted the reactionary administration there and elected progressive leadership which put a stop to gangsterism.

Wisconsin Wages Sliding Downward

Jobs in Wisconsin plants were 88.7% of normal in March but payrolls only 79.2%, the industrial commission reports.

TERRORISM IN LOCAL LABOR MOVEMENT HIT IN STATEMENT BY LOCAL 574 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Danger to Whole Trade Union Movement Involved in Gangster
Attacks on Leaders

Citizens Alliance Game Is Being Played by Local Teamsters Joint
Council

The recent acts of terrorism in the Minneapolis labor movement represent a new phase in the campaign of the Teamsters Joint Council of the A. F. of L. to try and smash the General Drivers Union Local No. 574. Acts of intimidation recently perpetrated against leaders of other unions were committed for the deliberate purpose of creating a smoke screen for the direct and vicious attack upon Local 574. By this method it is the hope of the A. F. of L. Teamsters Joint Council to create the false impression that there is a factional struggle existent between broad sections of the labor movement. This, however, is not the case.

On April 15, 1935, the charter of Local 574 was revoked by Daniel J. Tobin, President of the Drivers International Union. The General Drivers Union protested this high handed and unjustified action to the Central Labor Union. That body appointed a special committee to investigate the charges placed against Local 574 by Tobin and the committee brought back a unanimous report to the Central Labor Union in which they declared that the charter revocation was unjustified and recommended that the Central Labor Union fight for the reinstatement of Local 574.

A special committee was then sent by the Central Labor Union to see Daniel Tobin in Indianapolis and urge the reinstatement of Local 574. Tobin answered by dictating terms of reinstatement which would, if accepted, have cut the union into tiny, helpless units. He further demanded the expulsion of many of the officers and leading members. Tobin's terms were rejected because to accept them would have meant to lose everything that had been gained through hard struggle.

At this stage an agreement was reached between the Executive Boards of the Central Labor Union and Local 574 so that there would be no friction regarding membership jurisdiction. Local 574 asked only that it be accorded the same jurisdictional rights it held before the charter revocation. The Central Labor Union approved this as a reasonable request. It is well to point out that never at any time has there been any friction between Local 574 and any of the legitimate A. F. of L. unions. In fact, the General Drivers Union has turned several groups of newly organized workers over to the Central Labor Union, to say nothing of the help it has given to A. F. of L. unions in strikes.

General Drivers Union Local 574 has since the expulsion from the Drivers International endeavored with every means in its power to secure the restoration of its charter in the International Union. We have never given up the idea of returning to good standing in the American Federation of Labor. We have tried with every means in our power to again become members in good standing of the local A. F. of L. movement. We shall continue these efforts.

Such an arrangement, however, did not please Tobin and his local Teamsters Joint Council. A new union called Local 500 was launched in Minneapolis. A staff of organizers was employed. All of their efforts were directed at organizing in opposition to Local 574. Such so-called organization work included even attempted strike-breaking. The aim of the Teamsters Joint Council is to use Local 500 as the medium through which to smash Local 574, a powerful and progressive union which has brought real gains to the Minneapolis workers. This destructive program has been further enhanced by the use of other Drivers Unions, such as Ice Wagon Drivers Local 221, to snipe at Local 574. In many cases the Teamsters Joint Council has had the open support of employers who are known to be controlled by the Citizens Alliance.

This program of organized strike-breaking and union smashing has consistently failed because the sympathy of all the workers has been and still is with Local 574. Honest union men and women know that Local 574 has brought many benefits to the workers of Minneapolis. And further, employers who have labor contracts with Local 574 have found that while Local 574 fights hard for what it believes to be right, it also lives up to the letter of every agreement it signs.

The only avenue which remains open to the A. F. of L. Teamsters Joint Council in its efforts to achieve its selfish ends is one of open terrorism. It is now a matter of public record that they have taken this course. Such brutal acts by the Teamsters Joint Council are more than an attack on Local 574, they are an open invitation to the enemies of the labor movement to use the same methods against all workers and all unions.

The leaders and the membership of the A. F. of L. unions are confronted with an open challenge. For their own preservation they must move quickly against the vandals who are perpetrating these terroristic acts against honest union men.

As for the General Drivers Union Local 574 we have no cause to change our policy or position. We will protect ourselves as best we can, and we will continue to go forward. We will not yield to terrorism.

WM. S. BROWN, President General Drivers Union Local 574

MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT PACKS HALLS

Members and Friends Gather
to File Protect Against
Gangsterism

The mass meeting held by Local 574 Friday, May 22, was one of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings of this kind ever held by our local union. Despite the fact that at meeting time rain was falling in torrents, when it was opened, both floors of the Drivers halls were jammed with members and their friends.

For an hour before the meeting opened the waiting crowd was entertained by music played by Local 574 Band. William Brown, President of the Union, acted as chairman and stated that the purpose of the gathering was to acquaint the membership with the facts around the gangster tactics being employed by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

Brown introduced Axel Soderberg of the Independent Truck Owners Section as the first speaker. Soderberg said that he was glad to see so many member's wives present at the meeting. He stated that it didn't take big men to organize unions but it did take men with brains. He said that there was only one legitimate labor organization in Minneapolis and that was Local 574.

John Levine, University of Minnesota student, said that every progressive student at the University of Minnesota was solidly aligned behind 574 and proposed that the question of gangsterism being used against General Drivers be taken up by a council of labor and students which would be formed in the near future.

Farrell Dobbs, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 574, briefly reviewed the history of the formation of Local 574, our expulsion from the International, the "hands off" agreement with the C. L. U.

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June Assessment

The closed membership meeting of General Drivers Local 574 on Monday, May 25, voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the union executive board to assess each member \$1 in June to create a 574 defense fund. This means that during the month of June, 1936, all members making regular dues payments will pay \$2.60; all applicants for membership will pay an initiation fee of \$4; and all those reinstating will pay a reinstatement fee of \$11.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Charter Plea by Fargo Drivers Is Rejected by Tobin

A complete example of the backward and reactionary outlook of the leadership of the Teamsters International is contained in a letter addressed to the secretary of the Fargo Trade and Labor Assembly. A group of truck drivers in that city had decided that the drivers union should be reformed there and desiring that they be organized in the American Federation of Labor they applied for a charter in the Teamsters International. The following letter was received by the secretary of the Fargo Trade and Labor Assembly. It was written by Thomas L. Hughes General Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers.

May 12, 1936

Mr. C. H. Peterson
P. O. Box 54
Fargo, N. D.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of May 8 received, enclosing check for \$15 with request for a charter covering the drivers in Fargo.

For your information will say, the charter of the former local union was revoked some time ago and I was instructed not to issue another charter until such time as an investigation surround the movement in your city was made. The former local union was infested with Communists and under our law they are not permitted to hold membership in our organization.

I am looking over the names of the applicants. I four or five of the names on your application which are the same names of some of the former members of the local and we are in no position at this time to know how they stand on the Communist question, therefore, am taking no chances in issuing you a charter. As I said before, nothing will be done on this matter until such time as an investigation has been made.

Should we give consideration to the issuance of a charter, the charter and outfit would be \$15 and \$1 for each applicant and we would not issue a charter to less than twenty-five or more men.

Am advising that you let this matter rest for the present and until such time as one of our men has the opportunity to visit your city and make a thorough investigation on this matter.

With best wishes permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS L. HUGHES

P. S. Am returning check due to the fact no charter will be issued at this time.

Shierts is looking for all those who were so anxious to bet he wouldn't stay on "single shift" over a week.

The Railroad Unions

To my fellow workers:

At least one chief executive of the so-called Standard Railroad Organizations leads us to believe he sees the light. Witness this:—

After bitterly fighting the National Pension Plan which was put over and became a law in spite of the "big chiefs" and then attacking another rank-and-file organization known as the Railroad Employees Veterans, and Pensioners Association, President J. A. Phillips of the Order of Railroad Conductors, in a signed article on page 151 of the May number of "Railroad Conductor," says in part:

If we will take a leaf out of our experience with the National Pension Association, where chief executives made the mistake of opposing it and its purposes, we will not make the same mistake in this case." Not a bad idea, Brother, when you consider so many of your members are veterans as well as nearly 100% for the National Pension Association. These "rebel" or "rump" organizations are somewhat of a bother to the "big chiefs," but on page 152 of the May number, "Conductors Journal" President Phillips says in part:

"Rump" organizations can obtain followers only in a field where the established standard organization is failing in its obligation to the members or is pursuing a program contrary to the interests and wishes of the members. President Whitney's arbitrary conduct has done more to plow the ground for the growth of "rump" organizations than the department of any other leader in the history of these standard railway labor organizations."

It is the writer's opinion that President Phillips said a mouthful and we have no criticism to make except to insist that Grand Chief Johnson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers be awarded equal honors in promoting such a prolific crop of rebels.

We hope President Phillips is sincere. To satisfy ourselves on this point we shall closely watch his future actions.

WILLIAM E. JONES, Sec'y,
Amalgamated Transportation Employees, Inc.

Yellow Notes

The Yellow Cab Ball team won another victory in last Sunday's game and beat their opponents 9 to 8 in an 11 inning game. More power to the players.

The change in the shop management and the servicing of the new cabs is welcomed by all of us and it is hoped the Company will find it to their advantage to continue their present plan for the entire length of time the present cabs are in service.

Al Canfield is recuperating in the Parkview Hospital located at 49th and Lyndale Ave. N. and he would welcome a few visitors.

Judging from all reports, North-east Minneapolis seems to be a bad "Parking Spot" for Yellow Cabs.

With fishing season open and the weather getting more Summer like there will no doubt be quite an epidemic of drivers laying off to go fishing. All those who want real-strong coffee on their trip, be sure to take "Pop" Bingham with them.

Bill Brown Says—

If the Joint Council thinks that the slugging of George Frosig and Ray Dunne will slow down our organization drive I don't think they know our Union. We have fought the Law and Order League and their paid gunmen and the gangsters hired by Mike Johannes and we are still here. We place the blame for this on a few leaders in the Eighth Street headquarters. These people who did the job are just working for a good salary. Watch 574 grow from this time on. Our members are aroused and they know how to fight when they have to. All the Eighth Street Generals will have to say how they stand now.



BILL BROWN
President of 574

Southern Tenant Farmers Union Tell of Peonage in Arkansas

Praise

36 Stanley Street
New Haven, Connecticut
May 20, 1936

Northwest Organizer
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Dear Brother Editor:

Enclosed find \$1.00 to continue my subscription for the coming year. Your paper comes every week like a breath of fresh air across a hot desert. I'd hate to miss even a single issue.

Sincerely,
S. GANDELMAN

Local 160 Notes

The Executive Board at a short meeting with Mr. Grenacher laid before the company the demand of action on several grievances. The department heads involved had been asked to correct these matters by the Union, but instead of any direct action, had attempted to either circumvent the whole Union program or had passed the buck by claiming "no authority."

The Executive Board was thereon assured that the department heads had misunderstood the procedure and were now corrected. The company then asked that the Union again take up with the several department heads the grievances stating that it was up to these department heads to either run their departments or give an accounting for not doing so.

On this basis a meeting has again been arranged with Mr. Chesney of the Underground Department and a request has been made of Mr. Hood of the Overhead Department to arrange a meeting this week.

The operators held a special meeting last Thursday. The meeting was held in two sessions, one at 1 p. m. for the night men and one at 8 p. m. for the day men. An action program was outlined and the first steps taken on the program. The idea of two session meetings was well received and another meeting will be called in the near future.

On Friday evening the Trouble Department men held a special meeting to consider some matters concerning a part of the men. The items considered were the work week when there is a holiday, wage differences of the patrol men, time in making out reports and matter of telephones. The department committee was instructed to arrange for a meeting with the department to take up these matters.

The committee of the Meter Department had the second meeting with Mr. Wadsworth last Tuesday noon. The entire discussion was on the classifications and wages in effect thereon. The general items on overtime, seniority, etc., were previously agreed.

The committee submitted a number of specific cases to prove their contention of the unfairness of the present classifications. The meeting was continued on the ba-

The following letter has been received from the Southern Tenant Farmers Union whose members are on strike in southern Arkansas against starvation wages and slave conditions which are common in the southern cotton belt. The strikers are asking for \$1.50 for a ten-hour day. The present wage is 75c for a day that starts with sun up and ends with sun down.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN ARKANSAS

In an effort to break the strike of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union, Planters, in co-operation with officers of Grinstead County, Arkansas, have established a Concentration Camp near Earl, Arkansas. Strikers are being arrested and placed in the stockade on the Peachers Plantation where they are forced to work.

Forced labor, driven to work by riding bosses armed with high-powered rifles, is reported in practically all sections. Men and women are being forced to become strike breakers under threats of death.

America must waken to this situation. Public opinion must be aroused. Letters of protest should be sent to Government officials. A halt must be called to the spread of Hitlerism over the plantations.

H. L. MITCHELL,
Executive Secretary

POSTAL TELEGRAPH
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Ad Cleveland Ohio 22 850P
Drivers Union Protest Meeting
257 Plymouth Ave North Mpls
Vicious attack by Tobin gangsters on Dunne and Frosig is an attack against whole labor movement Stop Am ready to do my bit for 574. Albert Goldman

sis that Mr. Wadsworth was to draw up a schedule of classifications and wage differentials to submit to the committee for further discussion.

Resolution Passed by Friday General Drivers Mass Meeting

WHEREAS, gangsterism has been introduced into the Minneapolis labor movement by the Teamsters Joint Council of the A. F. of L. and

WHEREAS, such tactics have been used to brutally beat officers of our union while peacefully going about their duty of organizing unorganized workers, and

WHEREAS such acts of terrorism endanger the welfare of the entire labor movement because of the opportunity which they afford for the enemies of labor to employ identical tactics against all unions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we call upon the leaders of the Minneapolis labor movement to take the lead in joint action by all unions and all friends of labor to rid the city of this menace, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Central Labor Union to fulfill their agreement to accord Local 574 its well recognized jurisdictional rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of Local 574 stand unanimously behind the leaders of our union in the fight to defend our legal rights to organize workers into our union and to represent them in collective bargaining with the employers.

GENERAL DRIVERS, HELPERS AND
INSIDE WORKERS UNION LOCAL 574
By Wm. S. Brown, President

Convictions for Five Tampa Cops

Last Friday the five policemen of Tampa, Florida, who were charged with kidnapping and beating of Eugene F. Poulnot, labor leader, last November, were found guilty in the district court at Bartow, Florida, where the trial was held. Poulnot was kidnapped at the same time with Sam Rogers and Joseph Shoemaker.

Shoemaker was beaten so badly on this occasion that he died from the effects of the brutal treatment a few days later. It is expected that the verdict will be appealed. The five policemen were defended by a slush fund raised by the fruit and cigar interests and by money raised among fellow clan members.

Corrected Package Delivery Contract

The last three paragraphs of the text of the newly signed working agreement between Local 574 and the package delivery companies were transposed in the May 20 issue of the Northwest Organizer. The correct text of these articles follows:

ARTICLE VI.

Employees shall not be charged for any loss or damage. The employer shall issue specific written instructions as to the rules of delivery service. Proof of loss or damage through failure to obey the rules of delivery service shall be considered grounds for temporary layoff or discharge.

ARTICLE VII.

General wage and working conditions other than those specifically covered in this contract shall be maintained according to existing standards. The employer shall not attempt to worsen any wage or working condition not specifically covered because of the signing of this contract.

ARTICLE VIII.

Effective May 1, 1936, to and including May 31, 1936, the employer shall comply with the hourly wage provisions of the blanket wage and working agreement signed at the termination of the 1934 strike.

This agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of one year from June 1, 1936, to and including May 31, 1937, except that Article VIII shall become effective May 1, 1936.

Construction Down In Chicago Area

Building construction in Chicago was 13.8% of normal in April, says the Illinois Department of Labor. Residential building was 5.2% of normal.

LOCAL 574 MEETING SCHEDULE	
Federal Workers Stewards—	Wednesday, May 20.
Independent Truck Owners—	Thursday, May 21.
Federal Workers Full Membership—	Friday, May 22.
General Drivers Stewards—	Friday, May 22.
General Drivers Full Membership—	Monday, May 25.
Yellow Cab Drivers Night Drivers—	Tuesday, May 26, 10 o'clock.
Yellow Cab Drivers Day Drivers—	Tuesday, May 26, 8 o'clock.
Federal Workers Stewards—	Wednesday, May 27.

MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT PACKS HALLS

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committee and all of the steps we had taken to maintain amiable relations with the rest of the labor movement. He said that the action of the Teamsters Joint Council in resorting to gangsterism was the last resort of desperate people.

Steve Glaser, Union steward at the Cameron Transfer Co., was next introduced. Glaser stated that the leadership of Local 574 was the best and that any attack directed against the leaders was an attack on the whole union. The next speaker was Walter Hagstrom, committee man at the Yellow Cab Co.

Hagstrom told of the vast improvement of cab drivers' wages and conditions after they had been organized into Local 574. He said that it used to be a rule that most cab drivers used to seek assistance from the City Relief Department even when employed, so small were their earnings. He cited the fact that this practice had been entirely done away with owing to the improvement in their conditions brought about by the Union.

George Froisig, Vice-President of Local 574, stated that the 500 sluggers were not tough and said that it took five of them to put him and Dunne down. Walter Frank, business agent of the Lathers Union, spoke and urged the formation of a Workers Defense Corps. Frank Spitzenberger, President of the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union, urged the united support of all labor for the sash, door and mill workers and against gangsterism in the labor movement.

Sam Bellman, state representative from the 42nd district, said the real problem of labor was to do away with the employing class entirely. He said that the tactics now being employed by the local A. F. of L. was playing directly into the hands of the employers.

Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, reviewed the history of the struggles of Local 574 and pointed out the improvement in wages and working conditions that have been brought to thousands of workers by the militant struggle 574 had conducted. He said that the introduction of gangsterism was nothing new in the labor movement, but that real unions never could be built in this manner.

A resolution condemning gangsterism, which is printed elsewhere in this issue, was passed unanimously. A collection of \$29 was taken up which will go to help defray the funeral expenses of Brother Arthur Thompson, who died two weeks ago. The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

STOLEN

Dick Helmel reports that his 1929 Packard sedan, license B-9902, was stolen from 38th and Cedar Friday night at 8:30 p. m. Any information in regards to the whereabouts of this car will be thankfully received. Call D. C. Helmel Dr. 4377 or at 3849 40th Ave. S.

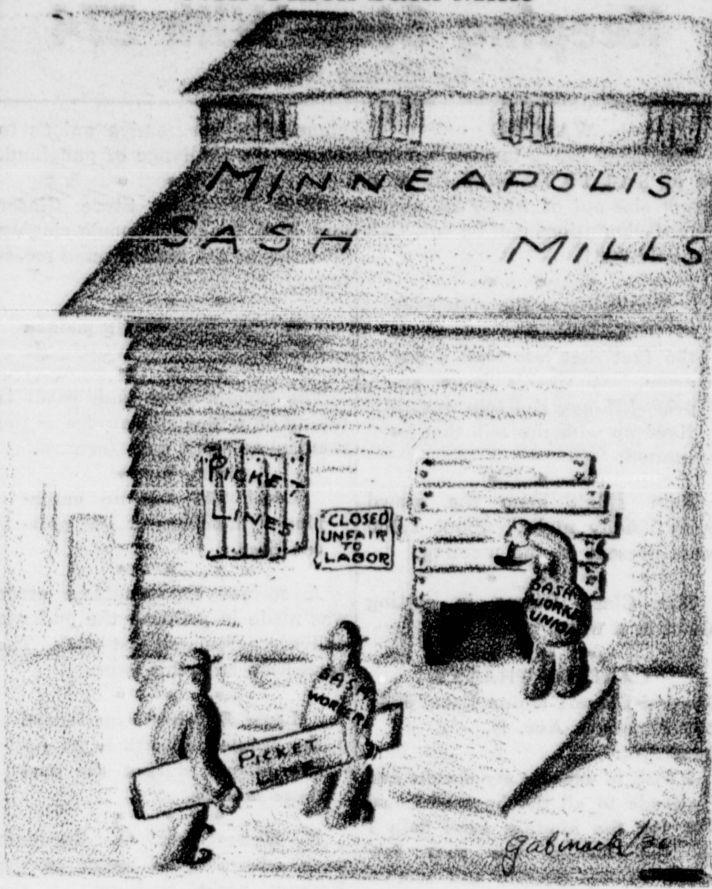
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Ad Cleveland Ohio 22 937P
General Drivers Local 574

Italian Socialist Federation denounces blackjacking of Dunne and Froisig Stop Labor must answer hooliganism by decisive militant organization.

A Camboni, Italian Socialist Federation.

Non-Union Sash Mills



Third Week of Sash Strike Finds Ranks of Union Solid and United

NOTICE TO ALL TRADE UNIONISTS
Cleaners, Drivers and Laundry Workers Union, Local 183, is building a real industrial organization in the laundry industry. For the past few weeks drivers are joining our Union in ever increasing numbers. Help us build the only real bona fide Union of laundry workers and laundry drivers in Minneapolis. Demand the button of Local 183 from your cleaning and laundry driver.

Independent Truck Chatter

Soderberg's speech was acclaimed as one of the best at the rally Friday night. Nice going, Axel, the boys are still talking.

Don't forget to register at the office when not working but remember also to call and let the office know that you are working.

You will have to ask Harold Reimer why certain drivers on the Belt Line came to work last Thursday with big heads.

Pete Faber's free lunch on Thursday is a success.

When dialing Gr. 3168 don't call too early nor ring too late. Let's make our calls from 6 to 8.

Members certainly must appreciate the splendid co-operation of Mr. J. Wing, Sam Kerdish, and W. R. Sassman of the WPA office. Also Joe Poirier, personnel director of the State Highway Department. We won't forget their efforts.

Cully Anderson of the City Dispatching Department has his own idea about a revised seniority list and when it is to go in effect.

WANTED

A five ton trucker who will attend meetings regularly when employed, as well as when not employed.

This column was not typed on the "Big Hearted Ambrose" typewriter. We're wise. Thanks just the same B. G. We found out Farrell came across.

The third week of the Sash, door and Mill Workers strike finds the ranks of the Union still solidly aligned and more determined than ever to carry the struggle with the employers to a successful conclusion. There has not been one single desertion from the ranks. On the contrary new members have been added to the Union rolls.

Not a piece of sash or door material has been produced by the struck factories since the walk out. Careful picketing is being carried on at all of the plants and the members of the Union are calmly confident that the employers will be forced to deal with them before operation of any of the mills are resumed.

The commissary continues to function smoothly and the entire membership of the Union is fed a nourishing noon day meal each day. The wives of the strikers have rendered valuable assistance to the striking sash workers by manning the commissary and kitchen and by forming committees for soliciting food and other assistance needed by the strikers.

Regular daily strike meetings held each day in the Drivers hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North at 4 p. m.

Job Stewards Have Identification Cards

Job steward identification cards have been received by the Union office and will be issued to stewards in a short time. The card, which is to be signed by the steward and countersigned by the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, will be the means by which stewards will be able to identify themselves to the workers on the job and to the employers with whom they have to deal.

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Ad Cleveland Ohio 22 900P
General Drivers Local Union 574
257 Plymouth Ave Mpls

Outraged at assault of Dunne and Froisig Stop Urge prompt vigorous effective apprehension and punishment of those guilty.

M Baion Gen Mgr Suitcase Bag and Portfolio Makers Union A F L Jt Board Phila NY Newark.

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

Would you like a little inside dope on Local 574's band? Just follow this column and learn each minute detail. We'll even tell which of the boys wears pajamas and which leans toward the old-fashioned night shirt. * * * For instance, there's "playin'" Pete, the trumpet man, who is so tough that he plays out of the side of his mouth. * * * Then too, we have an exhibition Stan Constans, who plays a mean "Swollen Fiddle." He's so absent-minded he once kissed his bass fiddle and slapped his girl friend. * * * Make it a point some time to attend one of Dick Atherton's "individual" concerts. When Dick "takes off" on his guitar and "bazooka" at one and the same time you'll realize how he worked his way up from note boy to playing manager. * * * "Lill" Bob, the tenor sax man, had a bit of an accident one night last week. Bob is a little short of stature. He had the misfortune to choose a rather tall dancing partner and is alleged to have suffered severe lacerations of the forehead which were incurred because of the proximity of the lady's sash buckle. * * *

Russ Peters, the Eddie Duchin of our outfit, has a theory concerning the malodor of the small store-room at 574's Union headquarters. Russ thinks it is caused by the souring of blue notes lodged in the saxes stored in the room. * * * However, (Flagolett Special) Al, the alto sax man, disagrees. He thinks a complete checkup should be made to determine whether or not Meyer Lewis or any of his friends have entered the room in the past 30 days. * * * Overheard at rehearsal: "What's Rudy Vallee got that we haven't?" "Ten more pieces and a contract."

Why Musicians Grow Grey

Ten minute square dances—Drunks who use full glasses of beer for batons—Women who drape chewing gum and other things on the new white music fronts—People who insist that their favorite tune be played over and over—Check the bid!

Golf Club Caddies Are Still on Strike

The members of the Minneapolis Golf Club at St. Louis Park have been carrying their own bags since May 13th rather than pay striking caddies 10c more for four hours of work.

The caddies are on the job each day at 8 o'clock and often don't get home until 7 and 8 at night. They average between \$4 and \$5 per week for a 70 hour week at the course. A round of 18 holes, for which they are now paid 70c takes from three and one-half to four hours; but they have to wait around for a call, and sometimes don't get any all day.

These young fellows have to work under a hot sun, with no showers and no chance to change clothes. If it rains, they can't duck into a palatial club-house, take a shot of Seven Star, change into dry clothes and hop into a 1936 Buick. They have to take it and like it. In wet clothes they have to take the highway and thumb their way home to a cold supper.

The caddies have sent an appeal to Governor Floyd B. Olson, a member of the Minneapolis Golf Club, to intercede on behalf of the Caddies Association. Governor Olson has not yet replied to the letter which was sent May 15.

No scabs have gone thru the caddies' picket lines. The members have bought lighter bags and are only carrying the clubs they really need.

Sash Workers Join Local 1859

Friday of last week the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union, an independent organization composed of the employees in local sash and door mills, voted to join the ranks of the American Federation of Labor. The Sash and Door Union, which has approximately 700 members enrolled in its ranks, entered the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859.

The latter organization is chartered by the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The Furniture Workers Union, which was formerly composed, principally, of the employees of the J. R. Clark Co., woodenware specialty manufacturers, are now taking into their Union all employees of wood working factories. The entry of the Sash and Door Workers into Local 1859 will in all probability have a healthy effect upon their existing strike.

There is little question but that the sash workers have taken a healthy and progressive step in throwing their lot with another Union that has organized workers engaged in a similar line of industry.

Resolution Hits Frank Ellis Case

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS we are fully aware that those responsible for causing the arrest and conviction of Frank Ellis on the charge of abduction were inspired by ulterior motives, through enemies of organized labor and the progressive political movement, and by those desirous of "framing" Ellis, and

WHEREAS we are acquainted with the character and reputations of those others involved in pushing the case, a year after the alleged crime, and

WHEREAS Walter W. Liggett, charged with Ellis, was acquitted, and

WHEREAS the jury in Ellis' case was in session 26 hours, after receiving instructions twice, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we decrie the mis-carriage of justice that has been so unfairly perpetrated against our friend and fellow-worker, Frank Ellis, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that we leave no stone unturned to defeat the forces desiring to "put Ellis out of the way" and that we enlist the aid of all progressives, all true union men and women, and all interested in the welfare of the working class of people to secure justice and fair treatment for the afore-mentioned Frank Ellis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be placed upon the books of the locals and units of our organization and that copies be sent to the Governor, the State Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the District Judge, all unions and auxiliaries in the state, all progressive political organizations, and others interested in the welfare of the working class of people.

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

Condemn Gangsters

The mass meeting held Friday night by Local 574 in General Drivers Hall was a living demonstration of the solidarity of labor's ranks on questions pertaining to the welfare of labor organizations that have succeeded in performing a real service for the workers. The attack on 574 leaders by hooligan gangsters employed by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has aroused the spirit of the progressive section of the local labor movement to a feverish pitch.

These gangsters, who know nothing and care nothing about labor's problems and labor struggles, probably would sneer and deride the crowd that was assembled in the Union auditorium Friday night. The crowd was composed of workers. Workers who have received benefits by belonging to Local 574. Their fierce loyalty for Local 574 is something that cannot be measured or estimated, particularly by those whose only business in life is despoiling workers of their earnings and fattening on their misery. As speaker after speaker from the ranks of the Union arose and cited the benefits that had come to his section of the Union through the actions of 574, they were greeted with tremendous applause that testified the undying devotion of the members for their Union.

Inclement weather and a hurriedly-called meeting could not keep the thousands away who were present Friday night. It is safe to say that never has the Union membership been so aroused on any question, since the strikes of 1934, as they are over the events that led up to the brutal slugging of Dunne and Frosig by Local 500 holligans. If the meeting showed nothing else it at least demonstrated that the membership of Local 574 have not lost their capacity for struggle against injustice.

Union Loyalty

At this time, more than ever before, every member of Local 574 must constitute himself a guardian of the welfare of his organization. General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union is today meeting the most severe test the organization has been put to since the strikes of 1934. Our local Union is being attacked by the most vicious, reactionary and backward elements in the entire American labor movement.

With the full consent and approval of the local leadership of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, an organization composed of delegates from all the local A. F. of L. driving unions, the Teamsters International has undertaken a campaign which they expect will succeed in destroying Local 574. Finding themselves balked at every turn, during the past year, in their attempts to organize a truck drivers union in opposition to Local 574, they have now resorted to the most revolting tactics that have ever been used anywhere in the American labor movement.

When all legitimate organizational tactics had failed they resorted to the method that has done more than any one single thing to drag the name of organized labor in the mud, gangsterism. Leaders of our Union, who have never raised a hand in anger against a fellow worker, have been threatened on the streets and in general these people have endeavored to create an atmosphere of terror. Honest unions cannot be built with these methods. Honest people do not employ them. Such tactics cannot succeed here. Gangsterism is the last resort of desperate bureaucrats.

Mill Workers State Opinion of Drivers

It is generally taken for granted that the best men in the ranks of labor are pushed to the front to become labor leaders; they must not necessarily be college graduates, but must possess good common sense and be imbued with the feeling of brotherhood. We can hardly say this about the officers of the Central Labor Union and the leaders of those locals whom we approached for help in our present struggle for rights and wages. We were told bluntly that we did not deserve any help because we did not belong to the A. F. of L. . . .

Knowing these Generals from 8th St. are opposed to industrial unionism and whose primary concern is collection of high per capita tax and not organizing workers into strong unions, we had to turn to somebody for help in our organiz-

ing campaign, and that "somebody" was Local 574, ever ready to help anyone willingly, asking no questions, demanding no per capita tax, expecting no reward in cash and not bothering themselves with whom we wanted to affiliate, when and how.

We firmly believe that every group of workers in whose body red blood flows, should be ready and willing at all times to help others in any manner possible, leaving the question of tax and affiliation out entirely until the battle is won and a more fitting time for such discussion arrives.

In conclusion we want all concerned to understand that the officers of Local 574 never did advise us against affiliation with the A. F. of L., they rather urged such actions and in our opinion the prejudice and attacks by any Central Labor Body against the officers of that local is absolutely unjustified.

Publicity Committee

Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

WANTED

One large heavy tarpaulin, must be at least 20 ft. by 8 ft. or a larger size out of which the above named dimensions can be cut. Call Atlantic 6021.

Testifying to the efficiency of ORGANIZER want ads is the fact that less than a day after last week's issue appeared Happy Holstein was all fixed up with the crib that he wanted.

Rain didn't keep the crowd away Friday night. About 2,000 were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Clara Dunne is getting about in a wheel chair.

CARD OF THANKS

General Drivers Union Local 574
257 Plymouth Ave. N.
Dear Sirs:

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to all the boys of Local 574 for the kindness and help I received during the past few weeks of my trouble and sorrow occasioned by the passing of Arthur Thompson, member of Local 574.

EUNICE WATZKE
3353 Dupont Ave. N.

Bill Lind of Fargo was a visitor at the Union office Friday and Saturday.

The writer spent three days in Wisconsin last week. Object, fishing. Result, car trouble.

Harry DeBoer's wife is recovering from a severe surgical operation at Eitel hospital.

The sash workers are presenting a solid front to the employers.

Many admiring comments were heard about the music furnished by the local band Friday night. They played some real working class songs.

Seven telegrams from various labor organizations were received during the course of the Friday meeting protesting against A. F. of L. gangsterism directed against Local 574.

The Building Material Drivers and Helpers will be operating under a signed Union agreement before the week is out.

Meyer Lewis is doing a nice job in Minneapolis . . . for the employers.

The package delivery boys are more than delighted with their new agreement bringing them Union wages and working conditions.

Pat Corcoran should be proud of the role he is playing in the present disgraceful labor situation in Minneapolis.

Organizer sub-renewals have been coming in rapidly during the past few weeks. By the way, how is yours?

Farrell Dobbs suffered a scalded foot last week. He says he got it preparing a bath.

Sam Bellman really went to town Friday night.

A representative of the Minnesota Leader interviewed the Executive Board members on the recent labor slugging Saturday morning.

A city-wide mass meeting in the Municipal Auditorium is being

planned by progressive unions to answer the challenge of gangland.

Walt Hagstrom, Steve Glaser and Axel Soderberg made ringing speeches at the Friday mass meeting.

It was Soderberg's maiden effort.

The second floor club room is taking on a new appearance as the remodeling work goes forward.

Local 574 has no unemployed members at the present time.

A serious typographical error was made in printing the package delivery agreement last week. The correction is in this issue.

Local 574 has experienced the greatest growth in its entire history during the past three months.

H. Hynes and O. Gardener were scheduled to speak at the Monday night meeting. A too lengthy program kept them off.

The NORTHWEST ORGANIZER is accepting a limited number of advertisements.

The cartoons that were appearing in the Organizer are drawn by a 19 year old St. Paul boy.

LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

New York news item: 'Bruce Barton, eminent advertising man and writer of syndicated articles, has been engaged to help the National Republican Committee to win next November's election.'

The man who sold the country the idea that Christ was a Rotarian and Coolidge a warm friendly fellow is just the fellow to convince us that our destiny should be placed in the hands of the American Liberty League.

News item in the New York World Telegram: 'Cardinal Hayes said that while he was appalled to read statistics showing more than 10,000,000 persons out of work, he recognized that Christ had said the poor would be with us always.'

But after that, He said the poor will inherit the earth—and I didn't hear Him the first time.

President William (overgrown Meyer Lewis) Green of the A. F. L.: 'The American sense of justice and fair play is shocked by the exile from Mexico of Luis Morones, former head of the Mexican Federation of Labor.'

Mr. Green expressed these sentiments before consulting the Mexican workers, who demonstrated 85,000 strong in Mexico City in support of the government's action. But then Mr. Green is accustomed to acting without consulting the workers.

Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of the publisher of the Washington Post: 'Never before have we had a national organization reaching out into the highways and byways and debauching the people as a whole.'

The good woman is referring to the fact that the federal government has been forced to put several million people onto relief—this is debauchery—to good Republicans like Mrs. Eugene Meyer.

Eastern news item: 'The mam-

moth United States Steel Corporation and the Republic Steel Corporation, for the first time in history, are giving a week's vacation with pay to all employes of five year's standing.'

Mr. Forbes, labor-hating columnist in the Star, thinks the steel bosses make this concession because they have the best interest of their "work folks" at heart. We think the bosses did it because they're scared to death of the coming drive for unionization in that industry.

Ernest Elmo Calkins, dean of advertising racketeers: 'If we eliminate the unemployables, those who won't work, and similar groups, unemployment in the United States today stands at only four million—far less than is generally believed.'

How you going to eliminate 'em?

London news item: 'Ethiopia has paid the League of Nations \$126,144 in dues since her admission.'

I think Ethiopia got about the same kind of deal a dues-paying member of Local 500 would get—if Local 500 had any dues-paying members.

Headline: Italians Bring Law and Order to Addis Ababa.'

I think about the law and order Mayor Latimer furnished in the Flour City strike—and shudder for the Ethiopians.

From an advertisement of the LaSalle Extension University: 'There's a real danger to accepting depression pay these days. A danger that lower wages will continue to dog you—for no employer will pay more until he is convinced you are worth more.'

I guess LaSalle University never heard of trade unions—the best means in the world to convince the employer you are worth more.

Bronxville news item: 'Forty-five national patriotic societies organized here today in the first united effort by these bodies to defend the Constitution. The new organization is named the General Court of Patriotic Societies.'

Now if the rest of the people will just organize to defend themselves and the country against the defenders of the Constitution, we'll be gettin' somewhere.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH
RXB713 35 1936 May 22 PM 12
Ad Cleveland Ohio 22 954P
Drivers Protest Meeting

257 Plymouth Ave Mpls
Without knowing details of this case I do know resort to violence in union disputes always helps capital and hurts labor until the whole movement condemns such methods labor will be weak and capital strong.

Algernon Lee.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH
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1936 May 22 PM 9 09
Ad Cleveland Ohio 22 937P
General Drivers Local 574
257 Plymouth Ave Mpls

Undersigned protest slugging Dunne Frosig Stop Demand punishment of guilty.

Chester Graham Secy Mich Farmers Union Roy Burt Socialist.
Lecturer Martha Johnson faculty member Brookwood Labor School.

Local 160 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, May 20—Regular membership meeting
Thursday, May 21—Executive Board meeting
Wednesday, May 27—Stewards and open organization meeting
Thursday, May 28—Executive Board meeting