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LOCAL LABOR CELEBRATES RETURN OF DRIVERS UNION

SPEAKERS PAY HIGH TRIBUTE TO 574 DEAD

Trade Union Leaders Tell of
Gains Made Through
Local 574

Impressive Ceremonies Mark
the Spot Where Union
Men Fell

In one of the most impressive ceremonies ever staged by the Minneapolis labor movement, the memory of Henry Ness and John Belor was fittingly honored Saturday afternoon at the Parade Grounds and at the scene of the shooting, Third Street and Seventh Avenue North.

At 2 p. m. Saturday, despite the oppressive heat which has blanketed the Northwest for the past ten days, a crowd numbering several hundred gathered at the Knoll to listen to the speaking program. William Brown, president of General Drivers Union, presided as chairman. Included on the program were most of the well-known figures in the local labor movement. Among those who paid honor to the memory of Ness and Belor were: Bob Cramer, editor of the Labor Review; Roy Wier, organizer of the Central Labor

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General Drivers Plan a Campaign For July, August

Organizers to Take Field
Thursday in Drive
on Scabs

A new whirlwind organizational campaign will be staged which will last during the remainder of July and extend into August.

The combined organizational staff of the reorganized General Drivers Union begins the campaign Thursday, July 23, which will have as its object the unionization of every Minneapolis truck driver, helper and platform man by September 1st.

The campaign will not be confined to Minneapolis truckers alone. The recently held state-wide drivers conference which met in St. Paul, set up a state committee which is already at work planning a campaign to organize all Northwest truck drivers and helpers. The state organization committee expects to be functioning by August 1st.

General Drivers Union plans to sharply raise its initiation fee September 1st.

STATEMENT OF UNION EXECUTIVE BOARD ON RETURN OF LOCAL 574 TO INTERNATIONAL

Gains Made by Drivers Union in the Past Pointed and Prospectives
for the Future Grow Are Outlined

The General Drivers Local 574 has taken its rightful place in the ranks of the International Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers. Expelled from the American Federation of Labor fifteen months ago, it has carried on a vigorous campaign for reinstatement. Its efforts in this direction have at last been crowned with success. The Drivers Union in Minneapolis stand united today with the Teamsters Joint Council; unity for the entire trade union movement on a local and state-wide scale. The benefits to the workers' cause derived from the successful strike struggles of 1934, great as they were, can now be multiplied many fold. What seemed to thousands of workers three years ago, as a well nigh impossible task is an accomplished fact today.

All attention now must be focused upon the tasks ahead. The drivers must lead the way to the organization and unionization of the unorganized workers of the state and the northwest. Powerful in their own right, the drivers can augment this power in only one way. That is, by following the examples of Local 574, giving aid to other groups of workers in making their way into the ranks of the American Federation of Labor. This road has been definitely laid out; it must be improved and extended. The whole experience, so rich in lessons for the labor movement, is not the private property of any individual or indeed any particular section of the movement. It is the common property of the workers' movement as a whole.

Local 574 achieved remarkable results in organization, in strike struggles, in raising wage standards and in bettering the conditions of thousands of workers. It should never be forgotten, however, that this was accomplished as a part and with the support of the entire union body of Minneapolis and the northwest. In this connection, the role of the unemployed workers must positively be given full consideration. Local 574 has given a convincing demonstration that a real community of interest exists between the employed and the unemployed. Without the active support and collaboration of the unemployed organizations, it is doubtful if the correct answers could have been given to the problems raised by the strikes in the summer of 1934. The General Drivers Union did its best to reciprocate.

Local 574 established the now famous Federal Workers Section, as an auxiliary of the Union. This section has proved to be the one stable unemployed organization of the many that have been launched in Minneapolis during the past six years. The Union has not only given dependable support to this auxiliary as a matter of course, it has received extremely valuable aid from it also as a matter of course. In this respect, Local 574 comes back to the International Union with a rich heritage. It will be held in trust by the Teamsters Joint Council and used to enrich the entire local and northwest trade union movement.

During the last fifteen months Local 574 was forced to find its way in the labor movement as an "independent" union. Difficult though it was at times, a clear perspective has been maintained. It is of more than passing interest now to look back and check the record. From the very first Local 574 carried on as brother member in the movement of which it considered itself a part. Not only did the General Drivers respect the jurisdictional rights of the other local unions, it also acted in full accord with the Central Labor Union and other central bodies. While it was, so to speak, formerly an "outlaw," thousands of workers, singly and in groups, came to it for advice and organizational help. The records are clear. None were ever turned away. Without exception they were assisted, many times in sharp struggle with the employers and at heavy cost to Local 574. Without exception, these groups were sent into the American Federation of Labor. Action in support of other Unions, while on strike, is a large part, but still only a part, of the record of Local 574, while it was forced to remain outside the Drivers International Union. Often misunderstood, even by its friends, always maligned by its enemies, Local 574 never wavered.

Looking backward now, from the sure ground of unified movement, this record must give great satisfaction to the entire membership of the General Drivers Union. The membership in its entirety, as it stands today, goes back to the International by honorable agreement. It becomes now, also by agreement, part of a new local with a new number. 574, a number dear to the hearts of countless thousands of workers from coast to coast, will not be forgotten. The fighting spirit, the unselfishness, the devotion, the loyal which made this simple set of numerals great will be a part of the new General Drivers Union.

The deathless courage of 574 men, exemplified by Henry Ness and John Belor, marches with firm steps into a new and more powerful organization. The labor-hating employers and their agents grouped in and around the Citizens Alliance must look elsewhere for comfort. The officers and membership of Local 574, together with new capable men and augmented forces from the International Union turn now to the serious job of organizing the drivers, helpers and warehousemen of Minneapolis, Minnesota and the northwest.

GAMBLE ROBB WORKERS ARE THE WINNERS

Union Agreement Is Signed
in Albert Lea, Austin
by Company

New Contract Brings Wage
Increases and Shortened
Work Week

Monday, July 13, marked the end of the long drawn out struggle of the employees of the Gamble-Robinson Co. at Albert Lea and Austin to secure a Union agreement with the Independent Union of All Workers, covering wages and working conditions for all the employees in the Austin and Albert Lea branches.

The contract provides for wages ranging from \$22 to \$25 per week, 54 hour week with time and one-third for overtime, seniority rights and recognition of the I. U. A. W. as the collective bargaining agency for the employees. With the adjustment of weekly hours and with the increase of pay granted under the new agreement the actual advance made by the workers is almost a 100 per cent bettering of previous conditions.

This victory comes as a well-deserved reward for the militant, aggressive and determined fight that was waged by the Independent Union of All Workers in behalf of the Gamble-Robinson employees. It marks the first time that employees of the Gamble-Robinson Company, in outlying branches, have been brought under Union conditions.

It was a splendid victory.

Union Member Is Victim of Death

Emil Nelson, longtime employee of the Palmer Fruit Co. and a member of General Drivers Union, passed away Monday, July 13. Brother Nelson was ill only a short time and death came very suddenly. He was buried at 3 p. m. Thursday in Hillside cemetery. He is survived by a brother.

Important Notice

By orders of the Union Executive Board, every member of General Drivers Union stands instructed at all times, while working, to carry the Union due book on his person. Organizers are on the street daily and will demand to see your Union book from time to time. No excuses will be accepted for failure to have the Union due book on your person at all times.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Farmer-Labor Women's Federation Continues Fight for Mrs. Seestrom

The controversy over the reappointment of Mrs. Seestrom is still raging in Union and Farmer-Labor circles. Since the refusal of Mrs. Sunby to serve Mayor Latimer has made no attempt to appoint anyone else in Mrs. Seestrom's place. A concerted protest by the entire labor movement of Minneapolis has at least had the effect of keeping Mrs. Seestrom on the job. She will continue to serve until her successor is confirmed by the City Council. The Farmer-Labor Women's Federation is making a militant fight in Mrs. Seestrom's behalf. They are circulating the following petition throughout the city:

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

We, the undersigned, petition the retaining of Mrs. Selma Seestrom on the Board of Public Welfare for the following reasons:

1. Membership on the Board of Public Welfare is for a four-year term which gives an opportunity to become familiar with the problems and give real service to the city.

Mrs. Seestrom was appointed to fill out an unexpired term and has only served one year. This year's service has given her familiarity with the problems and we feel that the public should have the benefit of this year's experience.

2. During this year she has given splendid service to all citizens of Minneapolis.

To the people on relief by working for adequate relief and decent standards.

To the workers by protecting trade union standards.

To the taxpayers, in advocating an administrative system which is saving tax money in administration.

To social workers by working for a fair case load and fairer working standards and wages.

To citizens generally by opposing the efforts of the anti-social minded people in the community to introduce plans leading to dictatorial and fascist control of those on relief and attacking American democracy.

The Mayor in refusing to reappoint Mrs. Seestrom has given no reasons except that she refused to place her resignation in his hands to be used whenever she failed to rubber-stamp his demands.

We urge upon the Council that such steps be taken as may be necessary to keep Mrs. Seestrom on the Board of Public Welfare.

Gas Workers Move To Form a Union

Workers employed by the Toledo Gas Co. have been quietly organizing, and their local now has a membership of about 75 per cent of the 350 workers eligible. Their drive is part of a general campaign which is bringing hitherto unorganized workers into union ranks. Recently gas station attendants formed a Union, and now men employed in junk yards are getting together in the Salvage Workers Union.

Grocery Workers To Meet Tuesday

Wholesale grocery workers held a very good meeting in General Drivers hall Monday night. Handbills calling the meeting were distributed Saturday and Monday to all of the local wholesale grocery houses. The meeting indicated that one of the poor spots, from an organizational standpoint, will soon be unionized.

Workers' Classes Will Be Started

The Minneapolis Workers Educational Council is a project that merits the serious consideration of all members of the Minneapolis labor movement. The Council is a permanent delegated body set up to promote a program of labor education in Minneapolis. The body is composed of the education committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and delegates from local unions, co-operatives and relief organizations.

The Council proposes to inaugurate a summer series of classes from August 3 to August 29. The classes will be held in a convenient downtown location and, as the majority of students will be employed workers, all classes will be held in the evening.

A variety of subjects of working class nature will be offered during the summer semester. Among other things classes will be offered in parliamentary law designed to make the student efficient in conducting Union meetings, the history of the labor movement will be the subject of another class and in general all courses will be aimed at teaching workers to better their own economic interests.

Instructors for the labor course will be provided by Workers Education Division of the WPA. Each organization will send one or more students, is expected to contribute \$10 for the first student and \$5 for each additional student.

All communications should be addressed to Paul Hendrickson, 4433 Beard Avenue South, Chairman Education Committee, Central Labor Union.

Package Delivery Drivers in Union

The package delivery drivers employed by the various package delivery companies and by department stores are responding to a campaign to organize them in an encouraging manner. Daily some new member of the package section is brought into the Union.

All of the package delivery companies who do the delivering for the various downtown business houses are in the Union 100 per cent and are covered by a Union agreement specifying their wages and working conditions. Very recently the drivers from one of the largest department stores came into the Union in a body.

There are still two department stores employing a large number of drivers whose drivers remain non-union. Covering the department store drivers with a Union agreement will prove to be a difficult task unless all of them can be dealt with at the same time. This has been found to be true in other industries. In the main the employer resists to the utmost any attempt to establish higher wages and better conditions than his competitor.

Therefore, the problem of unionizing the department store drivers must wait until such time as the majority of all of these workers are in the Union. An intensive drive on the department store drivers will get underway at once.

Grocery Workers in Well Attended Meet

Wholesale Grocery Drivers and Workers will hold their second meeting Tuesday, July 28. At that time an answer is expected from the wholesale grocery employers. The meeting will be at 257 Plymouth Ave., at 8 p. m.

Bill Brown Says—

While the crowd was small at the Ness-Belor Memorial on the Parade grounds Saturday, the workers of Minneapolis have not forgotten what these two workers did for the labor movement. Now with the labor movement again united we should set aside this one day each year so that every worker may have an opportunity to pay homage to these brave men. Miles Dunne in his talk Saturday said, "We will never forget that sight on the day of the shooting," and our Union also says we will never let the people responsible for the shooting forget it."



BILL BROWN President of 574

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Union; Roland Prindle, secretary Teamsters Joint Council; Joseph Poirier, State Highway Department; John Janasco, Furniture Workers Union; Local 160, Northehr States Power Union; Carl Skoglund, General Drivers Union, and Miles Dunne, editor Northwest Organizer.

Roy Wier stated that the membership of the Minneapolis labor movement had doubled since the 1934 drivers strikes. He said that credit must be given to Ness and Belor for instilling a new spirit into Minneapolis workers. Cramer said that a day should be set aside annually to do homage to these two heroes. Dunne stated that the martyrdom of Ness and Belor was the turning point of the drivers strike.

At the conclusion of the speaking program the loudspeaker was turned over to Walter Hagstrom, chairman of the Ness-Belor Memorial Committee, who announced that owing to the excessive heat the proposed march to Seventh Avenue and Third Street had been abandoned in favor of an automobile parade over the designated route. The parade was an impressive sight as it passed through the loop displaying banners of the Drivers Union and other labor organizations.

At the scene of the martyrdom crosses had been erected bearing wreaths inscribed with the names of the union's heroes. After several numbers by the band which had led the parade, a masterful oration was delivered by Vincent Dunne in which he eulogized the memory of Ness and Belor. Following this a verse, dedicated to the Union's dead, was read by G. J. Dunne. In closing the service Wm. Brown said that a similar ceremony would be held each year.

Jersey RCA Workers Win Editor's Release

July 14 is Bastille Day in France, but striking workers at the Camden RCA-Victor plant did their best to import the French holiday to this country. They besieged the city jail and won almost instant release for Frank L. Palmer, publisher of the People's Press, who had just addressed a strike mass meeting. Palmer intends to sue for false arrest and imprisonment, he said.

Newspaper Workers Fight Hearst Rag

The American Newspaper Guild which has been waging a plucky strike on the Hearst-owned Wisconsin News in Milwaukee, is once again accepting the anti-labor challenge of the baron of San Simeon. Seattle labor is backing the Guild in its efforts to win reinstatement on the Post-Intelligencer for Frank Lynch, veteran photographer fired for union activity.

With the Laundry Workers Union

Roy Burt, President of the L. W. U. International, spoke at a special meeting of Local 183 Wednesday night.

Carl Pemble, Secretary of Local 152, L. W. U. of St. Paul, favored the Minneapolis local with a very interesting and informative talk at the last meeting. Come again, Carl.

The organizational drive now under way is showing very gratifying results. The campaign for drivers is being carried out by a special assigned organization committee. Drivers in the laundry and cleaning industries are responding beyond our expectations. We have reason to be greatly encouraged by their eagerness to fight shoulder to shoulder with the inside workers. Let everybody put their shoulder to the wheel with one single purpose—to build Local 183 and do our part to help make Minneapolis a Union Town.

Owing to increased activities and an ever enlarging membership, it has been necessary to take larger space both in meeting hall and office. The office may be used now as a committee room when necessary. Watch us grow.

The committees for the different sections in the Union are busy formulating demands for the new agreement. Be sure to attend meetings. The Union needs you. You need the Union. Pay your dues promptly: wear your button. Buy Union—be Union.

Back Pay Is Secured For Market Drivers

Friday the Belzer Fruit Co. was compelled by the Union to pay back pay and overtime due two of their employees to the tune of \$125.91. This sum represents back pay due these workers for overtime accumulated since June 1 when the new market agreement went into effect.

Despite the fact that this firm was one of the signers of the existing Union contract they had been working their drivers as high as 12 hours per day and paying them only the Union weekly pay scale of \$28.80.

Harry DeBoer handled the case for the Union and the check was delivered to the drivers Friday afternoon.

G. Das will be a father very shortly.

Complaint Forms

Once again it is necessary to call to the attention of the membership the necessity of filling out complaint blanks if prompt action in adjusting them is desired. Organizers will act only on the basis of a written complaint. This is done to arrange the work of the staff in a more efficient manner and to prevent duplication of effort.

Independent Truck Chatter

The boys are pretty hot under the collar over the announced cut to 110 hours a month. It looks like we will have to don our war helmets if the WPA set-up will not come to time. Remember the last time we were forced to take such action?

Last Thursday night's meeting was a dandy. Many good points were taken up and it looks like we are ready for business—if that is what somebody is looking for.

Mickey Dunne's little talk was warmly greeted. It brought some good spirit out of the boys.

Blackie is sore about something.

A vote of confidence was given to the committee handling the negotiations with the WPA set-up. A full report will be made at a special meeting that will be called for Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Union headquarters.

The Belt Line boys have set up a job committee consisting of all the stewards with Curt Zander and Jim Bartlett acting as spokesmen and co-spokesman respectively. The same idea should be followed on other projects.

Shorty Huff has a hand coming. He knows when to speak up. And how.

We are all wondering why Curt Zander is taking three days off. He isn't going fishing and he doesn't ride in that Plymouth alone. Can you hear any bells, boys?

Brother John Kubalske has been stricken with a case of appendicitis and is confined at Eitel Hospital. Visitors will be welcome and appreciated.

The story now is: There were three Russians rushing from Rush Lake.

Foreman Ole Wilson on the Belt Line seems to have changed from good to bad. We are checking up on the whole thing to determine the reason.

The state seniority rights plan was accepted by the Union.

We wonder if Gene Lundholm spends his nights at home? His wife is vacationing in Fargo.

Curt Zander was put on the water wagon working nights. Looks like a Grazer would like to keep him from talking to the boys—if he could.

It looks like Grazer is trying to tell how to run our Union. He's due for a surprise.

John Wing came near being paged out of the Arena last meeting night. The reason being that he did not show up at the hall as we had asked him to.

Northern States Will Arbitrate

Local 160, Northern States Power Employees Union, is getting ready to arbitrate disputed questions with company officials some time this week. The principal difference that now exists between Local 160 and the company is over the question of wages.

George Phillips, president of the Electrical Workers Union, said that the organization would insist that monthly pay schedules be put into effect in the Overhead and Underground Departments. He also stated that the Union was prepared to insist that a uniform wage level be established for the same type of work.

Teaming Crafts May Move to New Location

The move that is now on foot to house all the driving crafts in a central location under one roof is one that merits the support of all of the drivers locals. Such a move would bring together the various Minneapolis Drivers Unions, totaling seven in number. They are, General Drivers Union, Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Taxi Drivers No. 125, Ice Wagon Drivers, Bakery Drivers, Laundry Drivers and City and Sanitary Drivers.

These organizations, banded together, should be able to provide a commodious permanent headquarters for themselves. Such a building would also contain the offices of the Teamsters Joint Council. The problems of the driving crafts unions are very similar whether they are composed of milk wagon, bakery or general drivers. A thorough going intensive campaign to organize all of the driving crafts would be facilitated by having a central headquarters.

The maintaining of a headquarters by the seven organizations involved should not present a serious financial problem for any of them. All of the organizations now must rent meeting halls at the Central Labor Union or elsewhere and several of them maintain offices. The rental that must be paid each month by the organizations if pooled should be sufficient to rent an entire building that would house all the teaming crafts.

Such a place should have a more or less central location, must be equipped with large meeting halls to accommodate the huge membership of some of the organizations. It must have sufficient space so that offices can be provided for the various driving unions that maintain them.

The present headquarters of General Drivers Union, located at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., presents an ideal location for such a headquarters. Three large floors are available. It contains a meeting hall which will seat about 1,500 people, besides several smaller halls. Plenty of space is available for offices and club rooms. Such a move should inaugurate a new program of expansion for the driving crafts.

Yellow Notes

The editor of these notes has "Bonositis" and is taking a 15-day leave.

New customers have been seen riding Yellow Taxis since we became "Kosher."

Rumors that Yellow Cab drivers are going into 125 are false.

All the boys should be present at our meeting next Tuesday and hear something interesting about this new affiliation.

Schultz got back on the job in a hurry when he was told his time was up.

Our "Old Timer" Canfield is still parking in the Parkview Hospital awaiting a visit from some of the boys. He will have something to cheer him next week when he will receive the **Organizer** at his bed.

Bill Saunders is getting around the hospital like a gentleman now, without the assistance of cane or crutch.

"Slim" Burnett is on the sick list.

On WPA Projects

Getting hotter! That applies to relief and WPA. There's more action. More grievances this week than for some time past. More major events of interest. More meetings on the projects. More pep and attendance at membership meetings. More contacts with outlying sections. A clearer atmosphere and a broader pathway ahead.

ROBBINSDALE FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION 574 was disappointed last Tuesday. The puppet show it had planned to see was disbanded by the Workers' Education Division of the WPA. Maybe Federal Workers could produce some good puppet shows of their own.

CRYSTAL VILLAGE F-L LOCAL had a well attended meeting last Wednesday. It listened attentively while a Federal Workers speaker, Karl Kuehn, discussed economic questions from a labor viewpoint. Brother Kuehn touched upon the courts, the new WPA set-up, 574's reinstatement in the A. F. of L. and its effects upon the unemployed section, the place of youth and women who are hit by low or no incomes and high living costs, the new world war betrayal of the workers, and broader perspectives of the unemployed movement as a national industrial union.

THE NEW WPA SET-UP MEANS 10% REDUCTION IN RELIEF. It no longer permits workers to make up time lost. It pays "prevailing" hourly wage rates but fixes the "security wage" as the maximum total which may be earned in any pay period. Since time losses such as holidays, bad weather and sickness average about 10 per cent of the year-round work-time, this means 10 per cent reduction in average work relief earnings per person. Thus the new WPA setup enables Roosevelt to say to labor, "See, we now pay 'prevailing wages,' even to the unemployed" and to say to the bankers, "See, we are spending less for relief or we can handle 10 per cent more clients for the same cost." Clever politics, eh?

WE KNEW IT FOR A LONG TIME, but on the State Capitol steps in St. Paul on July 11th the U. S. Government told the workers of America in effect that NOT UNTIL THEY ARE ORGANIZED STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE WHAT THEY NEED, WILL THEY GET IT.

That was the meaning when Mr. Sassemann, assistant to Victor Christgau, Minnesota WPA Administrator, described how "Prevailing Wage" rates are determined.

"When a Union is strong enough to obtain its scale," said Sassemann, "then that determines the prevailing rate. But when the scale is only a 'paper scale,' that does NOT determine the prevailing wage."

Tony Maznio, bondsman for Frank Ross, was given a big hand by the stewards in their meeting last Wednesday evening.

All Project Committee members are invited to attend the next Stewards Committee meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday at 257 Plymouth.

The ORGANIZATION DRIVE of the Federal Workers Section on WPA projects is beginning to hit its stride. Successful project meetings have been held on "Belt Line," and on Projects 1733 and 89. Many more are being planned.

Truck Owners Against Drop Of WPA Wage

At the Thursday meeting of the Independent Truck Section the matter of reduction of monthly working hours on WPA, as it affects independent truck owners, was the only item on the agenda. The reduction of WPA working hours from a minimum of 130 hours per month to 110, seriously jeopardizing the earning power of the equipment owners on WPA projects.

The reduction of hours for the workers on these projects did not interfere with their earning capacity in that the hourly wage was raised to the extent that 110 hours employment per month brings them the same amount of money as they earned under the 130 hour schedule. No such wage adjustment was made in the case of the equipment owners.

The hour reduction for the truck owner would lessen his earning capacity approximately \$30 per month. The action taken by the Independent Truck Owners Thursday evening was: 1. The hourly rate for ton and one-half trucks be raised from \$1.35 per hour to \$1.65 and \$1.85 for hand and machine loaded respectively. 2. That the demands be submitted immediately to the state WPA office. In addition demands were made for changes in overtime pay and for seniority rights in the job.

A committee was suggested to meet with state WPA officials Wednesday afternoon in St. Paul. The committee spokesman will be M. B. Dunne.

Laundry Picnic Is Successful Affair

The second annual picnic given by the local Laundry Workers Union at Powderhorn Park, Sunday, July 19, was a successful affair from every standpoint. Members of the union, with their families and friends and sympathizers, gathered at the park and were entertained, from early morning until late in the evening, with a splendid program of music, entertainment, sports and speaking program.

The weather man must have smiled on the Laundry Workers Union for he dished out ideal picnic weather on that day. After the dinner hour a splendid speaking program was put on which included the following representatives of labor and of the Farmer-Labor Party. Among the speakers were the following: Hon. Attorney-General H. H. Peterson; Special Assistant Attorney-General Joseph A. Poirier, Supreme Court; Dewey W. Johnson, candidate for congress of the Fifth District; Al Hanson, County Chairman F-L Association; Miles Dunne, editor **Northwest Organizer**; William Bennett and S. H. Bellman, 35th Legislative District; A. H. Urtubees, Chairman, Central Labor Union, and others.

At the conclusion of the speaking program a fine program of amateur entertainment was staged by the children. A fast kittenball game between Local 1859, Furniture Workers Union, and a team representing Local 574, was played before a large crowd. On the whole it was an enjoyable day and the committees in charge should be congratulated for staging so successful an affair.

There'll be a good one next Tuesday on the Bassett's Creek Project No. 1812.

F. W. S. 574 is the principal organization for direct and work relief clients in Minnesota, and growing so that statewide unity will soon be achieved.

Laundry Workers Sign Agreements

Last week saw a new victory perch on the banner of the Joint Local of Cleaners, Drivers and Laundry Workers Union Local 183. Reuben Latz, business representative of that Union, negotiated a Union agreement with the Radisson and Nicolle hotels covering wages and working conditions of all of the laundry workers employed in these two places.

This marks the first time that the laundry workers have been able to bring laundry workers employed in major hotels under a Union agreement. Brother Latz reports that negotiations are now being carried on with the King Cole Hotel which, it is hoped, will lead to similar results.

Membership Meet O. K.'s Affiliation

The last membership meeting of Local 574 held Monday, July 13, was one of the most historic meetings that has been held since the formation of the Union. The meeting had been called by special notices sent to each member and was marked by the largest attendance given any meeting during the past year.

The only question on the agenda was on the acceptance or the rejection of an offer to again accept a charter in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablen and Helpers. The Union Executive Board, which had been in negotiation with the Drivers International for a period of several weeks, recommended in its report that the offer of a charter be accepted and that we return to the fold of the American Federation of Labor. Report of the Executive Committee was unanimous.

All members of the Board, as well as several of the organizational staff, spoke on the question and pointed out to the membership the necessity for taking the step. When the floor was thrown open for discussion members eagerly seized the opportunity to voice their opinion about the projected move. Dozens of speakers took the floor, voicing both agreement and disagreement on the question. Literally hundreds of questions were answered by Executive Board members and a complete and full explanation was given.

When everyone had taken the floor who wished to do so the question was put to a vote. The voting was done by secret ballot. When the ballots were counted by the tellers, who were elected from the floor, it was found that the motion had carried by a majority of over 6 to 1. By the decision of the Union the Executive Board was authorized to continue with the negotiations and to secure a charter from the International Union.

Northern Oats Co. Settles Strike

The ten weeks old strike at the Northern Oats Company came to an end Saturday, July 11. It ended with a victory for the Flour and Cereal Workers Union. The bitterly contested labor action at the Northern Oats Company was one that, at times, appeared lost for the workers' cause.

The workers employed by the Northern Oats Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid fight they made which resulted in a victory for them. The settlement of the strike brings to the workers involved pay raises from 2 1/2 c to 5c per hour, seniority and time and one-half for overtime. The overtime provision will also apply to Sunday and holiday work.

It will be recalled that General Drivers Union organized this group and later turned them over to the Central Labor Union organizer.

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

CORRECTION—

In last week's issue of the **Organizer** we stated that 574's band would play for the Laundry Workers picnic. At the time of going to press last week the statement was true. However, a controversy arose which concerned dollars and cents. The band didn't play. * * *

PEDIGOGARY—

In the parlance of the dance band musicians are many and peculiar slang words. No other institution, unless it be sports or the stage, so largely depends on slang for its mode of expression. Many expressions have been made popular so that John Public finds them in his daily conversation. In a heterogenous fashion we list a few:

- Booting it—Playing it well.
- Bounce—A short, snappy tempo.
- Break—An opening for a solo.
- Church stick—Clarinet.
- Funeral box—Organ or accordion.
- Going to church—Soft, sweet music.
- Going to town—Swing music, fast.
- Honkey Tonk—Small time.
- Jamming—Playing without music.
- Sauce—Thick rhythm.
- Sticks—Any town you don't live in.

Tubs—Drums or large tomtoms. A conversation between two road musicians might sound like this:

"How's she going, fella?"
 "Fair, played a 14 of Honkey Tonk for a harper. The guy wanted three pipes, the henhouse and tubs for a lousy fin per. We dumped him and went uptown."

Translated:
 "Fair, played two weeks of small time for a tough manager who wanted three wind instruments, piano and drums for five dollars a night. We left without notice and are not working now."

GREETING—

Ace (ex-secretary) Brewer of Musicians Local 73 is now playing with the Gopher Concert Band. After four very fine weeks of outdoor work at Lake Harriet, the band has moved to Maple Hill where your writer found them. Ace is an excellent and well seasoned drummer. He is teamed with Don Hixon, northwest's finest drummer. Ace mans the snare while Don works bass and effects. A fine team. * * *

CRISIS—

The long unbearable heat wave seems to be at last broken, locally at least. Up until last Saturday conditions were such that fans could not be bought, sold nor bargained. Thousands have died—millions have suffered. The very old, the very young, the sick, the confined, all have suffered the agony of the damned. So pause a moment, fella, before you drink that cool mug of whatever it is and pay tribute to those who, not so hale as you, have died and suffered while you were—uncomfortable. * * *

Arnold Johnson is on the hoof again.

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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."

For a New Hospital

We are glad to join hands with the Minneapolis Labor Review in a drive to secure a new General Hospital for Minneapolis. It is high time that the Minneapolis labor movement took recognition of the fact that the present General Hospital, which is supposed to be an institution designed to serve the needs of taxpayers, is an outmoded, out of date, inefficient institution. The extreme high temperature of the past few weeks has demonstrated in a forceful manner the inadequacy of the present hospital.

In the first place this institution was designed to serve the needs of the city when the population was perhaps 100,000 less than it is now. It functioned in a more or less haphazard fashion until the 1929 depression caused thousands of workers to forego their usual private medical care and to depend on this institution for hospitalization.

An hour's visit to the present hospital is enough to convince anyone of the fact that, no matter how well staffed or how efficiently managed, the hospital cannot serve 50 per cent of those who must depend upon it for medical assistance. The building itself is old and in a bad state of repair and only a small portion of it is fit to be used for hospital purposes. The institution is understaffed and underfinanced.

The Welfare Board, which is charged with the responsibility of maintaining and operating the General Hospital, seem to be entirely callous to the condition of the institution. I. S. Josephs, and other representatives of the taxpayers association on the Board, are interested only in seeing how cheaply the General Hospital can be operated. They have no regard for the suffering thousands who are daily compelled to stand in line hour after hour in the overcrowded corridors waiting for medical attention.

A determined move must be started by the entire Minneapolis labor movement to secure a new General Hospital. Such a project would provide, when completed, adequate care for the thousands who need it and it would also give employment to hundreds of building tradesmen who are now unemployed.

Independent Owners

It has again been called to the attention of the Union office that truck owners, some members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 574, are violating one of the most cardinal principles of trade unionism by employing non-union men to drive their equipment. It is almost impossible to conceive of a Union member being so devoid of the most elementary principles of trade union consciousness as to allow anyone but a member in good standing in General Drivers Union to find employment with him. While this trouble is not general, reports continue to come into the Union office at regular intervals of such violations of Union discipline.

The Independent Truck Owners Section have established a rule by motion calling for disciplinary action in such cases. The Steering Committee of the Independent Truck Owners Section is charged with the enforcement of this and all other rules especially applying to their section. It is high time that the committee take action in these cases. An end must be put to this vicious non-union practice, which can only lead to the undermining of the Union. Unless such disciplinary action is taken against violators who are known to the committee it should properly become a matter for the Executive Board of Local 574 to act upon.

Living Costs Mount

Living costs rose 1.7% from May to June, the National Industrial Conference Board, employers' research body, reports.

Vacation time has arrived. But

that is all. None of the staff has had one yet.

Changes in the Organizer mailing list average 50 a week. The changes cost 5c each. The moral is: don't move so often.

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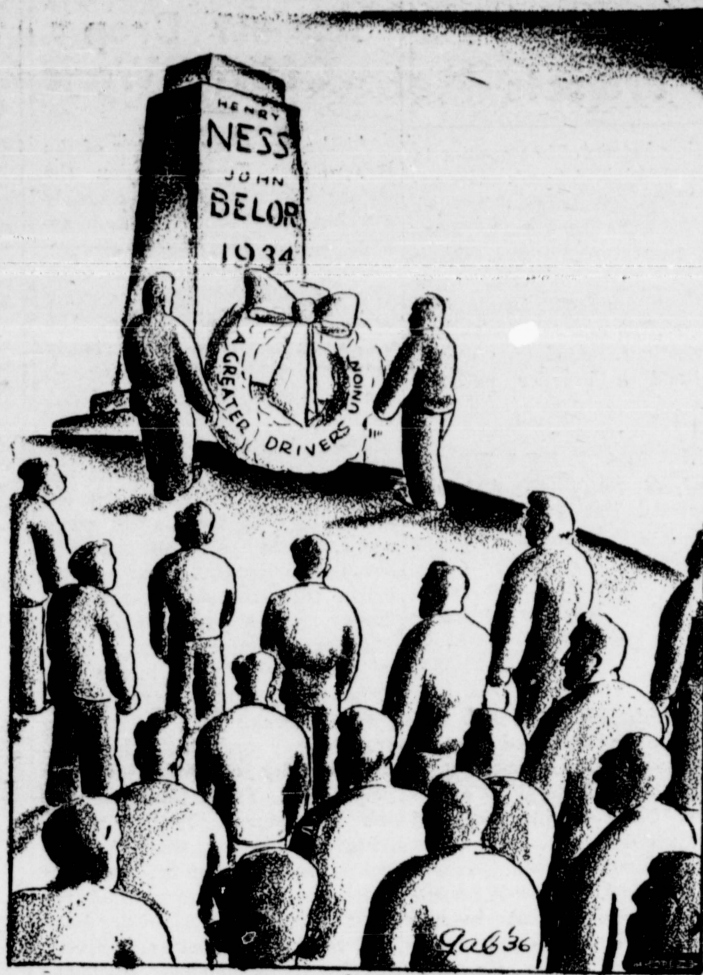
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General Drivers' Heroes



Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

The Murphy Transfer Co. moved the Cook Coffee Co. last week. Dick Das was on the job.

Pratt and Novak were transferred from a northeast curb and gutter crew to the sticks. Both are Federal stewards.

Frank Ross, of the famous "non-support case," is back on direct relief in St. Louis Park.

Mrs. Wm. Brown's father died at Fairview hospital Friday afternoon. Heat prostration was the cause.

This is the last item that will appear on the Lotz case. Developments take place there too fast for accuracy.

New applications are coming in at a rapid rate.

Two drivers at Belzer Fruit had a nice present Friday. They divided \$125.91 back pay.

Fred Nelson was a Union visitor Friday.

St. Paul Drivers Union buttons are red this month.

Business has been excellent on the Central Market during the past week.

Workers at the Pioneer Paper Co. are champing on the bit. The June raise has not been put into effect there.

Long distance firms driving west out of Minneapolis will soon find it impossible to terminal here with non-union drivers.

The Laundry Workers picnic was a successful affair.

Walt Hagstrom, Yellow Cab committee man, has charge of General Drivers picnic program. He reports very good success.

The Union no man's land in midway, where plenty of hauling

firms have moved in the last year, will soon be abolished by a concerted drive put on by both Unions.

Murphy Transfer drivers are refusing to take out non-union helpers. They are making it stick too.

According to reliable medical reports Governor Olson will never live to be elected Senator.

In the last three weeks period, occupied by negotiations between the Drivers International and Local 574, caused an accumulation of grievances. They are now being taken care of rapidly.

The sash and door drivers are all back in General Drivers Union. They were not covered by the agreement between Local 1865 and the sash employers.

In all probability the present headquarters of 574 will soon house all of the local Drivers Unions. In that event the first floor of the building will also be rented.

G. Dunne spoke at a WPA picnic at Howard Lake Sunday. He reported an attendance of about 600. The affair was held at Allbright's Mill.

General Drivers Union will have delegates in the Central Labor Union at the first meeting in August.

Joe Poirier, Highway Department czar, said a lot of nice things about Local 574 at the Laundry Workers picnic.

The kittenball game at the Laundry Workers picnic broke up in a disagreement in the sixth inning. Umpire trouble.

The finishing touches were put on the new Union halls last week. The work has been held up by the sash and door strike.

Ness-Belor Memorial

This day is for the union's dead, With sorrowed hearts and lowered head. We gather here to homage give To those who died that we might live.

No more for them the sun shall rise, And flame its path across the skies. No more the flowers, the wind, the trees, No more their children at their knees.

But where their blood made dark the ground, A tree shall grace the swelling mound That marks the heroes' lonely grave, Made fertile by the blood they gave.

That tree of liberty and right, Is a symbol of the workers' might. We'll guard its growth and watch with care, That workers' justice blossoms there.

We'll pray today to Him on high, That when it comes our time to die, No greater privilege could we crave Than we shall find a martyr's grave.

To Henry Ness we pledge today, We shall not falter on the way. We'll fight while life and limb remain, To prove he did not die in vain.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

Roger Salengro, Minister of the Interior in the "People's Front" government of France: If tomorrow there are new attempts to occupy stores, offices, workshops, factories or farms, the Government will put an end to them by all appropriate means. Folded-arm strikes are an abusive extension of the right to strike. The Government will put down all disorders without flinching.

So the great People's Front government turns out to be nothing but an official strikebreaking outfit... which, of course, was inevitable as long as the parties comprising it agreed to perpetuate capitalism.

Mitchell, S. D.—Business halted, merchants bent their heads and housewives knelt in supplication today as the population prayed for rain. The temperature remained at 104, the week of drouth having ruined all the crops in the surrounding country.

Elmira, N. Y.—Lester Herzog, PWA administrator for upper New York, cited the Bible as precedent today for an order that relief workers shall go to work voluntarily on a sewer job or be taken to jail in police cars.

THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT Mayor Latimer has gone on a vacation.

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.