Real Action Program for Rail Men

As long as our leaders are permitted to fool around with those useless and expensive legislative boards and lobby the railroad workers will have some costly experience which will teach them that a labor lobby is no substitute for a labor union. Workers are too important to the railroad companies to be controlled and by being organized. For this purpose the workers need a political party instead of a legislative lobby.

1.  A Railroad Council at Every Terminal
Organize a railroad council in your terminal and connect it up with the Minneapolis council which will act as a central body until the winter convention of council delegates can be called to set up a national organization of railroad councils.

2. We Want One Union, Not Twenty
To reach this goal we propose that one or more of the craft unions in your railroad should be merged and that all of the craft unions in the terminal should be organized in one union.

3. A Joint Organization Drive on a National Scale:
Seek out your Brotherhood leadership join in a national-wide movement to organize and amalgamate the railroad workers. And that a series of locals and handbooks be issued and circulated in all the employment offices to the working men the many important issues which should be well organized. This should be followed up with big union meetings, sponsored by our grand officers and general chairmen, all over the country. However, before we can expect workers to join our unions, we must have something to offer them besides that of paying dues, carrying insurance and reading officially censored magazines. We must have some potential program of benefits to offer them.

4. A New Strike Policy Needed:
Our present strike policy like the craft union is out of date. The idea of striking the whole big railroads and permitting the rest to remain at work merely shows lack of understanding or a direct betrayal on the part of those who lead the workers in such traps.

5. A Political Party Instead of The Legislative Board and Lobby Racket:
To the Minneapolis press, you'd never think that 10,000 union men tied up the industry in a bitter fight for wages and union recognition. For the capitalist newspapers all over the country, the executive committee decided to boycott as much as possible all strike news. It might be called, "catching." Governor Martin of Oregon, a retired major general, has threatened to call out the national guard against the strikers. A few days ago strikers freed at the state road by auto to the Stimpson mill near Forest Grove, squatted on the mill for 18 hours and closed it down.

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11. General Demands
(a) For the men on every locked loco for convenience and comfort.
(b) Against consolidation of terminals unless it benefits the workers.


13. A Joint National agreement between all legitimate railroad unions and all railroad companies.

14. (g) That all demands be taken to the railroad companies direct and not take to legislative bodies or the Interstate Commerce Commission.

(h) That our present useless and expensive legislative boards and lobby be abolished and that our Brotherhood leadership be requested to join with the movement for the labor of building a workers political party.

Note—All railroad men interested in this program should communicate with the Minneapolis Railroad Council, 631 3rd Ave. S.

TRUCK DRIVERS
HELP BUILDING TRADES BATTLE
Carpenters, Building Laborers Win Fight for 100% Union Job

Local 574 Prepares Program to Improve Conditions in the Ice Industry

Minneapolis, Minn.—At the regular meeting of Local 574 on Monday, May 27, the membership received the report of the Executive Board with real enthusiasm. The membership, representing a long history of activity and gave every member the firm belief that Local 574 has the best chance of gaining for the members a big and important victory. The members were instructed to notify the union headquarters immediately after the vote on the labor dispute of their intention to participate on the railroad carloads. The membership of Local 574 have no guarantee of getting the raise, and the members were urged to put real enthusiasm into the organization campaign to help correct this condition.

It is reported that the Building Laborers and Carpenters had encroached in the New England job at 8th and Marquette 100 per cent union. In the course of this fight it was clearly demonstrated that a well organized, fighting union of the drivers is the best ally that the labor movement can have. This job can be tied up completely in less than forty minutes by the truck drivers and this tie should be used to haul material to a series of streetcar caps and the streetcar.”

It was decided to continue the present initiation and reintroduction of 135 new members into the organization campaign. The hall committee in charge of the membership will be required to have the initiation process complete in one month. The hall committee is requested to make a real improvement over the present hall process in which many applicants will have been initiated and will be ready for occupancy before the next meeting.

After a lengthy discussion of the necessity of raising funds to pay the debt still outstanding for doctor and hospital bills incurred during the 1934 strikes, the members voted to pay one month’s dues in advance to help meet this obligation. This will mean that all members who can possibly do will pay their June and July dues before June 16 and their August dues during July. It is in the belief that this additional funds can be raised at once and in the June-July period special plans for raising funds will have matured to an extent sufficient to meet the immediate urgent requirements. All members are urged to co-operate in this plan so that a full financial assessment may be avoided.

STAND all as one for the cause. Believe and dare and do!
How to Stop Charter Revolutions

A spontaneous agitation has been growing in the ranks of the Minneapolis unions to return the General Drivers to the board of char-
ters to the A. F. of L. in a protest against the revocation of the charter of Local 574. It is gratifying to find that workers generally are aware of the great injustice which has been done to the General Drivers, but we do not agree that this is the proper program. It would be a mistake for the unions to cut themselves adrift from the unifica-
tion made possible through the A. F. of L. The fight must be con-
cluded in the ranks of the hierarchical organization, and those who serve as their tools must be replaced by real leaders who will serve the workers honestly. This can be accom-
plished in the elections held in the local unions. This new leaning to self-government will replace the petty facturers in the central bodies and the state executive councils. From this point a real housecleaning can be ac-
complished which will completely rebuild the movement into a healthy and growing thing.

In general, the national and state officials are de-
fective and should be removed. In the local unions and in
the central bodies, however, there are many worth-
while leaders who are also many un-
derirable elements; self-styled leaders with no re-
sponsibilities to the membership by toying with class-
collaboration schemes and by kowtowing to the high-
up officials of the A. F. of L. The latter, unfortunately, are in
the majority.

The membership of the local unions must pick and
choose carefully in electing their local officers. If they
do this, such actions as directed against the truck
drivers in Fargo and Minneapolis, the auto workers at
Toledo, the rubber workers at Akron, and countless other unions can be effectively stopped.

Mussolini — Hitler — Dillon

The National Union (Official Paper of the Toledo Central Labor Union)

When the time came for the agreement to be presented to
the members of the local unions, the acceptance or rejec-
tion, the strikers voted not to allow the negotiators to address them until after the vote was taken. When Mr. Dill and Miss Gates appeared upon the stage, he was attacked by the workers manifested itself in loud boos from all sides... 

So new into a violent rage and told the officers of
the union that the charter of the union was revoked...

Never in the history of the labor movement have I
witnessed such a case of domination, such an arrogant
disregard of the rights of the workers or such a positive
dictatorship over free American citizens as was shown by
this representative of the A. F. of L. who hied out of
the money paid into the federation treasury by per capita
from local unions in the United States.

If that is now the policy of those elected as officers
in the A. F. of L., the quicker we workers know it the
sounder we are. We must begin to fight for American free-
dom by pursing the labor movement of dictators who live off
the per capita of our workers.

The Nation's Leaders

"If fear, however, is to remain in our
social and economic life the ob-
jectives must always come from that mys-
ing and weak. If today's unprincipled
engineers and scientists should treat with the greatest respect, but with
tuition and caution, seminal and effec-
tive methods are totally unable to grasp the goals of our labor unions, De-
partment of Agriculture.

He also dallies in astrology and medicine, com-
monly with an Indian medicine man,
and is in addition a vegetarian. Maybe
the reason why the poor farm-
ners love his AAA. Most of them
would like to boost his AAA.

Take Your Pick

"The Hearst papers are in favor
of American independence, American
rights and liberties, free speech, free
speech, free assembly, freedom of
thought and action, and freedom
from criticism and censure."—Hearst ad
in April, 1933.

"Congress should answer the
American Labor Federation's request
in investigating the political beliefs of
its members."—Hearst edito-
rial in March, 1933.

The Battle of the Soup Bowl

By the Old Timer

Labor's biennial "battle of the soup
bowl" is on. Confident that
George Hall will be unable to run
again, Secretary Lodge, Secretary
Taylor, and a few others are pull-
ing up the التنفيذ at the expense of the Federation,
attempting to replace the old, out-
dated and demoralized political fences. Con-
ningham is the principal aspirant on the four. The other prominent figures
who are to be seen are John O'Brien, a
young but vigorous leader, and G. M. Gang, another
who is well known to be under heavy obliga-
tion to certain Ramsey County politicians.

There has been an upsurge of public sentiment favoring
the work of the two leaders, but it is not yet so
strong as to turn the tide of votes into their favor. It will
take time to see what kind of support the two men will have if the race is
turned over to the lefthand corner of the Federation. The situa-
tion is as yet too fluid to permit any definite conclusions.

The Soupbowl race is the first major test of the new
leadership of the American Labor Federation. It will
show how far the Federation is willing to go in order to
keep its political fences. The result of the race will have
importance for the future of the Federation.

The Soup Bowl Race

The Soup Bowls of the Federation are the most important
elections of the year. They are held every two years and
the candidates are chosen by the members of the Federation.

The Federation is a large organization with many
branches throughout the country. The Soup Bowls are
held in each branch and the delegates from these branches
are then selected to attend the Federation's convention.

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