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WORK RELIEF PROGRAM SETS POOR EXAMPLE

Industry Will Follow Low Wage Scale Set By Government

Unions Must Organize Relief Workers to Preserve Conditions

Roosevelt has announced his wage scale of $2,000,000,000,000,000,000 programs works from $19 to $94 per month. This must now be read as $19 to $94 per month, the complete wiping out of the NRA as a guarantee to the employees from all restriction on hours and wages, with a shining example set by the federal government.

In regions where there is a reasonable amount of labor, especially in the larger industrial centers, earn will be allowed from $45 to $65 per month based upon the size of the town. Thus an unskilled worker in a town less than 5,000 population would earn $45, and in a large town over 100,000 he would earn $55 per month.

When we reach the second region where organization is less powerful the wage scale is lowered to $4 to $10 per month according to the size of the town.

The third region, set up in places where there is but little organization, gives the unskilled worker another cut out of $1 to $5 per month.

The point of the new scale taken in that section in which organization is practically unknown and here is where the work that will have to be done, in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Here the New Dealers make a real mistake. As a matter of fact, we remember the majority of the negro population is disenchanted by another cut, and the bosses are the ones who furnish the campaign funds. The wages are $10 to $20 per month.

There can be no better argument advanced for organization than the setting of this wage scale. It clearly shows that, low as it is, they did consider the force of organization.

There can be but one answer to this challenge flung into the face of labor. It means destruction of one arrangement or a fight to the finish. To permit the government, such wage scales unchallenged, means a complete demoralization of all American labor standards and the establishment of serfdom. We must fight this disturbance as we have fought other disturbances, with an organized drive of labor that will smash the industry and free the poor laboring man for all time to come.

Meeting Schedule Local 574
Friday, June 10: Carloads
Monday, June 16: Full membership
Wednesday, June 12: Market Workers
Friday, June 14: Unemployed Section
Wednesday, June 19: Ice Drivers
Thursday, June 20: Independent Truck owners and Construction haulers
Friday, June 24: Mixed membership
Tuesday, June 26: Taxi Drivers: Night drivers; 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., day drivers; 7 p.m.

Taxicab Drivers Renew Agreement

Minneapolis, Minn.—With the expiration of the old contract on June 4, a new agreement between the Yellow Cab Company and General Drivers Local 574 will run for nineteen months.

The new agreement provides for an increase of 38 per cent, approval by the union of all new bids by the company, and a general tightening of methods to be used in hiring or firing drivers.

The main feature of the agreement is a provision between the company and the union committee for the purpose of settling grievances, arbitration stands, and other operating practices so that the drivers may obtain maximum working conditions and thus guarantee themselves the largest possible salary.

Labor Opposing “Loyalty” Bills

A bill, approved by Hearst, was defeated in the New York State Legislature last week. This bill aimed at the enforcement of loyalty to the Constitution from college students. This defeat shows that Hearst's strength was due to the skillful opposition of the free colleges all over the state.

Support the Organizer

The ORGANIZER is a free workers' press which obtains its financial support solely from the subscriptions of individuals and organizations, together with the binders obtained from workers throughout the United States. Many of the issues have been sent without charge. This means that the ORGANIZER has become acquainted with the editorial policy and the demands of the workers in our own organization and the localities.

Funds are needed to continue this work. Subscription rates and bundle orders should be sent as follows: $1.00 per year. A figure which will barely meet the cost of publication. The subcription blank provided in this issue is for the purpose of furnishing financial support to the ORGANIZER so that you may get the labor news in an unfiltered form.

Fast Growing Local 574 in New Location

Union Men Located at 257 Plymouth Avenue North

New Headquarters Formerly Known as Mecca Ballroom

Minneapolis, Minn. — General Drivers Union Local 574 is now located at its new quarters at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. This location was formerly known as Mecca Ballroom.

Learning of space has not yet been completed, but even so the new quarters are well worth the visit.

There will be ample office facilities, a conference room and a library. A club room and gymnasium will also be installed. Kilburn facilities are available and there is a checkroom with accommodations for 600.

The feeling among the membership of the union is that the new headquarters is much more in keeping with the general spirit and continuous growth of Local 574.

Several affairs are already scheduled at the new hall. On Sat. July 14, the Farmer-Labor Rally will be held at the new quarters, and an important meeting will take place after the social event.

War Propaganda From Hollywood

The alliance between Hollywood magnates and certain federal of- ficials over the threat of a large outlay for "preparation" has cost the taxpayers huge bills. Such films as "Devil Dogs of the Air," "Here Comes the Navy," "Pluto's Backers in the Sky," and many others have been made at a cost of $1,000,000.

"I don't think they will again appeal to the people as agents of publicity," said Rainbolt, as he left Kahal, "I think, Kahal, with a careful look on his face, adding "Don't tie me up like that again or you have to see me twice."

F. L. Rally Saturday

Speakers, followed by entertainment and dancing, is the bill of fare at the Farmer-Labor Rally at Local 574's new home, the Callung Ballroom, Third and Plymouth, Saturday evening, June 8.

Immediate Wage Cuts and Longer Hours Put Into Effect by Employers in Unorganized Industries

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court hand- ed down last Monday effectively killed whatever was left of the law's anti-trust section. It was significant not only from the legal point of view as demonstrated by the fact that the so-called liberals of the nine wise men of Washington such as Cardozo, Brandeis, and Sutherland, were more important from the point of view of the workers of this country because of the expected effect of the elimination of the NIRA from the workers in a way that only Labor will have upon all those who are employed.

The legal verbiage of the Supreme Court does not give any new fact to the workers as to the reason they should have known that it was to be expected. The court was simply to consider the economic advantage of the so-called general system of central control the system the which the proponents of the NIRA claimed for the country. It was also said, or should have been known, to be a new weapon of this country, that on the basis of the long line of decisions handed down by the Supreme Court the property relations, and the sanctity of property is paramount in this country, and man and life interest and of humanity, must give precedence to the property right. This was expressed tellingly by the Supreme Court in the argument of the learned judges threw the des-tiny of the workers into the hands of the rich, and the rich, of course, for the workers variance, it is, as it was called, was to be maintained, being the iede, and also more interesting and also more vital, as far as working class is concerned to analyze the situation for the purpose of being able to judge the effect of the elimina- tion of the NIRA. Not to be misunderstood—the workers know in their experience that the NIRA, all and parts of it, was in no effective way helped them in their fight against the so-called principal employers of this coun- try.

They recall too well that even when there was a conflict between the workers and Mr. Ford, General Motors, the large coal operators of the other side, and whenever in such a fight the workers in their infor- mation was the result of the elimination of the NIRA, the result invariably was the special interest, given to the (Continued on page 3)
A Workers' NRA

In rapid succession states in the American unity supreme court situation has dealt three major blows to the American workers and farmers. Fresh from their success in smashing attempts by the railroad workers to obtain pensions for the men who died in the recent railroad war, the old nine old men in black have turned their guns on the laborers everywhere in drive acts which brought some benefit to the toiling millions. The NRA and the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage moratorium have been declared unconstitutional and therefore invalid.

Today great consternation reigns in administrative and legislative circles of the government; the employer-controlled press gives much space in its news columns to speculation over the future of the NRF, the government's most recent worker-Lemke decisions, endless statements by confused government officials are printed, while in their editorial columns though we chuckle gleefully over this open attack by the supreme court on the farmers everywhere and ask, "What does this mean? What will happen now?"

There is in reality no great cause for alarm. This decision was bound to come. The supreme court carried out its function just as any court would by the creators of that body. The role of the supreme court is to safeguard the interests of those who control the nation's wealth. The danger to the workers lies in the fact that those who pose as labor leaders close their eyes to this basic truth of blander toward this inevitable stone wall. In the face of this withering attack against reform legislation, the misleaders at the top of the A. F. of L. go blindly forward, the basic truth of reform lost sight of; this is the issue of the relationship brought about by the big employers and the small employees.

It cannot be forgotten that dur- ing this great campaign big employers used in one-hour shops or in so-called sweat shops, in which the considered industrial unions, the basic wages were used to the great benefit of the workers. Looking back over these shops, wherein the cheap aprons and house dresses are manufactured, the question rises, What are the benefits? Taking into account the in- come of the workers about the NRA in the industrial unions, there were a number of instances that, for the first time in history were af- fected by legislation in a manner which had been used in make or break of the big employers, it will be declared un- constitutional and invalid.

If this method ceases to be effective a change will be attempted. On that day the controlling interests will attempt to do so, as workers. They will attempt to force a bill to saddle a Hitler or a Mussolini or other totalitarian regimes in Europe. The big labor agitators have no center so long as the great danger which is destined to prove fatal.

The nine old men in black are very nimble despite their age. They are waiting and waiting at the end of every legislative trail. If the legislation that benefits big employers, the controllers of the nation's wealth, it will be found constitutional; if it is found to be against the interests of the big employers, it will be declared un- constitutional and invalid.

A dozen NRA's, Wagner bills, Lendem bill and Frazier-Lemke acts will not provide the solution to the social problems of today. A leadership which attempts to win for the workers and the farmers by concentrating its efforts on petitions, letters and telegrams to congressmen is attempting national demonstrations for this or that bill, in an attempt to put through legislative reforms is leading the masses into a dangerous swamp. Such reforms are of course desirable, and a great effort should be made to win over them. But to gamble the future of the workers and the farmers on this single lane is a dangerous game which is destined to prove fatal.

The American worker must re- search for the most effective method of the employers against the voting standards by an effective method of organization. Their strength must be to the unions to fight for higher standards, and to fight effectively with the power of strong and all embracing unions.

Labor Looks at the Press

Conservatives hold because they are patriotic, liberals because they are informed. Both are mis- taken.

Patriotism is the same name given to their fear over their fortunes.

Journalism in 1935

"During the recent Sacramento criminal trial and jury trial, a re- porter from the Sacramento Bee clipped a note to Albert Goldman, Non-Partisan campaign manager for the Grocers Chain Store Distribu- tion Association, warning his associates that he had listened to the price, wages or hours of employ- ment of the chain store owners, market conditions. Chain store employers maintaining a far-sighted point of view."

Remember this:

"The relation that exists be- tween the officers and the enlisted men in the United States Army is not a military relation; it is a feudal relation; it is a social re- lation... It is a relation that ex-}

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Biographies

HENRY PEREAULT

This week we extol another cigarette manufacturer, the Federation Year Book, a trade union of the old school. Henry Pe- reault is a market gardener in the Kingston district. He is a progressive and is known as a bitter opponent of those who propose to export the country from the craft to the industrial form. Politically he stands for the policy of trading and has a keen eye to see that he always gets his money's worth.

He enjoys many privileges at the expense of the people of Du- luth through the local of the roll- ing cigar, he is said to be able to roll very few. He has never been inclined to be open in his plans, preferring to live shroud and se- cretly. When in action, he inspires one with the feeling that you can really like Henry better when the truth is told.

The well informed in Duluth have little differences as regards news sources that interest the head of the whole of Duluth. His service to them is not a matter of great importance. The roll- ing among the employees of these interests has been strangely absent, and he is known by the name of a representative of the A. F. of L. who is "in the Federation State as well as vice president of the Federation." We hope he will soon devote himself to a task of writing the true history of the labor movement for us, for we are sure he could give some interesting material to those who are in the position to understand who is what on the payroll of the steel trust in and about Duluth.

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We're Worried About This Too

It is folly to continue re- lief so long as one under- mines the morale of those who are doing their duty."—Congress of American Business and In- dustry, recently held at White Sulphur Springs.

Ohhh, Mr. Coffman

"Strikers at the Colt Patent Firearms Company in Hartford were recently joined on this picket line by a delegation of 38 workers from nine eastern colleges— Wesleyan, Amherst, Smith, Connecticut, Mt. Holyoke, Connecticut College, Vassar, Wesleyan,—Hartford new item.

"William Randolph Hearst, the great American patriot according to his own adver- tisements, is now the subject of difference between the United States and Russia. There is—about 14 inches.

Over there they plow beside the sea: we plow down the middle." — Willard Leader.