Driver Returned
To Job by Union

On Monday, June 10, Ralph Blandell was discharged by the Ferron Transfer Co. The dismissal notice, phrased in typical levy language, alleged that Ralph had been guilty of creating discord between the employees. The company was unable to show proof of the charges when interviewed by a UMW representative, Jack Severson, and the union notified them that they would be tied up on Thursday morning if the matter was not straightened up, and a complete strike would follow of the impending strike.

With complete arrangements made for the tie-up on Thursday as promised, the manager of the company called the union at 2:45 a.m. on Wednesday and told them that Blandell could come back to work in the morning.

Local 574 Forms Motorcycle Club

Plans are now under way for the organization of a motorcycle club under the sponsorship of Gen-

eral Drivers Local 574. The first organization meeting will be held at the new headquarters, 257 Ply-

mouth avenue, on Monday, June 17.

All breeds of cycles are wel-

come. A Gypsy tour is planned for the near future.

Golden Valleyites Hold Outdoor Meet

The Commonwealth Workers as-

sociation of Golden Valley will hold its annual outdoor festival at 518 Meadow Lane on June 12. To-

gerther with similar groups in other rural communities, this organiza-

tion is making an all-out drive among the workers employed un-

der the new relief plan.

Newspaper Guild

To Join A. F. of L.

Delegates to the American News-
paper Guild convention voted 76% to 47% to accept a commit-
tee report favoring affiliation to the A. F. of L. The Guild is an organization of newspaper editorial workers, who has carried on a number of fine strug-

gles for recognition by the employ-

ers and for improved conditions. They will be a welcome addition to the movement.

Tobin Invokes New Union-Buster Movie Against 574

DEMANDS THAT UNION SHOULD BE SPLIT UP AND ALL MILITANT WORKERS BE EXPELLED

Central Labor Union Delegates Ridicule Proposal But Are Tricked

By Frightened Bureaucrats

Veterans of Many Battles, 574 Prepares to Meet Tobin Onslaught With Full Fighting Front

The Central Labor Union committee has returned from Indianapolis bearing a most astounding report on the basis of the Drivers International. These demands bear witness to the ruthless tactics to which an imaginary grievance.

Here are his demands:

1. That the union be re-

denied membership in the union.

2. That no worker who does not devote at least 1% per cent of his time to driving or other actual work on a truck be permitted to be a member.

3. That the ice drivers be in a separate union. That the coal driv-

ers be in a separate union.

4. That the taxi drivers be in a separate union.

5. That all independent truck owners be denied membership in any union.

6. That a new charter be issued on the following basis:

a. All present officers and all active members in Le-

cel 574 be denied mem-

bership under the new charter.

b. By resolutions for mem-

bership subject to the approval of Tobin. (This

would mean that any worker who is even sus-

pected of having taken an active part in the union

would be unable to re-

main a member.)

c. That the Teamsters Joint

Council reorganize the le-

gal under the direct super-

vision of a special repre-

sentative of Tobin.

7. That all actions of the union be subject to the approval of Tobin.

8. That Tobin receive the di-

nigent per capita tax of Local 574, the amount to be determined by the General Executive Board and to be not less than 50 per cent of what Tobin estimates the locals. (Tobin's estimate, by the way, is almost double the ac-

tual amount involved.)

This program was planned de-

liberately to cut out the unions into small helpless units and to strip

it of its fighting ability. Tobin

does not want a union in his Inter-

ational which has the power of 574. Afew unions like 574 and it would be impossible for him to maintain his bureaucratic control which constantly strengthens unionization of the truck drivers of the nation.

TOBIN PROGRAM WORSE THAN BOSSES

In this desperate attempt to protect his pie-cad, Tobin is putting forward the same program which the Citizens Alliance put forward last summer. Once again he plays into the hands of the employers as he did through his editorial writing during the 1934 strikes. Tobin seems to go even further than the bosses did. Not only does he deny that the independent truck drivers are entitled to belong to the union, but he attempts to organize a second International. He wants General Drivers to workers who spend at least 51 per cent of their time on trucks, and then they can be members only if the truck is used to haul certain Tobin-appro-

ved commodities.

After reading the Tobin mani-

festo to the assembly, Joan Speil-

man, spokesman for the CUU com-

mittee, moved that the report be

referred to the Teamsters Joint

Council for action.

TOBIN BLAMES THE LEADERS IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

At this point several delegates took the floor demanding to know why and how intimate details re-

garding the Local 574 charter fight had come into the hands of the candidate opposing William S. Brown in the aldermanic race in the third ward. Brown, the presi-

dent of 574, played a militant role in the 1934 strikes and, in keep-

ing with his fighting ability and instincts, waged a splendid and

honorable campaign in the election cam-

paign. But despite this fine rec-

ord, he was not invited to speak to the assembly on this issue which is of such vital importance to his union.

Moe Hork, a member of the 574 executive board, was denied the floor when he attempted to speak on the tactics employed against drivers in the campaign.

Many delegates took the floor to speak of the great gains which the General Drivers have brought to the entire labor movement. Specific instances were cited, such as the New England construction job where the truck drivers threw their weight behind a fight which had begun to appear quite hopeless to the building trades unions.

TRAVELING UNION DEMOCRACY

At this point in the debate, which by now had become very heated, a substitution motion was made to throw the Tobin demands in the trash bin. The motion was later ruled out of order on the grounds that it was a negative motion and could not be voted on.

Delegate Wachter pointed out clearly and completely what travesty of trade union democracy Tobin's policies represent. He pic-

tured the overwhelming ma-

(Continued on page 3)

Building Trades Assist Drivers

A fine example of co-operation between union organizations has been carried out in recent weeks in the building trades industry in Minneapolis. Operating under the slogan of "All for one and one for all," the iron workers, building la-

bors, carpenters and others succeeded in bringing real benefits to the members of those organizations.

Aided by the truck drivers in establishing union conditions at the beginning of construction jobs, the above organizations have fully re-

paid the favor by helping to maintain union conditions for the drivers after the job has been started.

The spirit created by these suc-

cesses is rapidly permeating the ranks of other unions, and organi-

zation labor is in Minneapolis is begin-

ning to really understand the value of solid union action.

Fire Foods 800 Twin City Men

Minneapolis, Minn. — A few weeks ago newspapers all over the country were singing praises to Henry Ford because he had volun-

tarily raised the wages of work-

ers. The Minneapolis paper-

nals considered this front progress. There was no mention made of the fact that Mr. Ford's philanthropy was a direct result of the struggle the Twin City Ohio.

Now Ford has laid off 600 work-

ers in the twin cities, but there is no mention of this in the papers. A committee of the discharged workers called on the local papers asking that this man lay-off be reported to the public, but they were given a very polite run-

around.

YOUTH—Watch This Guy

"Hey, you kids. There's a $1,000,000 per month to be released throughout the nation to engage at least 2,000,000 youths per year. That works out to what I call federal initiative and local ad-

ministration."—John W. Stude-

baker, U. S. Com. of Education.

And what we call setting the youth to work at real wages (a maximum of $3 weekly to each youth).

"No matter whether th' con-

stitution follows th' flag or not, th' Supreme Court follows th' ille-

gality returns."—Mr. Dooley.

ALL WORKERS IN OR OUT THE UNIONS

ALL WORKERS INTO THE STRUGGLE

PRICE 5 CENTS
The Majesty of the Law

In Toleda, Ohio,with the power workers out on strikes, the newspapers openly called for action by the police force in dealing with the strikers in any way except legal actions. What this means is clearly demonstrated by recent attacks on striking bakery workers in New York where a group of pickets were brutally attacked by blackjacks by a gang of combine thugs and one worker's face smashed beyond recognition.

It is again demonstrated in the packing strike at Columbus, Ohio, where over 200 heavily armed police and deputies were maned to oppose 150 pickets. In Minneapolis we clearly understand what this means in the demonstration by Blythe Mike Johannes last summer.

With a city administration just elected which has pledged to support the workers, the Minneapolis Police has a right to expect they will not be confronted by this police terror.

The West Speaks Out

A Resolution by the Minnesota Labor Association

WHEREAS: The wage scale proposed for workers under the new police works program is based on the starvation scale but a "starvation rate," in unjust, unconscionable and tends to anarchy; and

WHEREAS: The newly formed NDRP have their demands down to the minimum, industry will again take unfair advantage of the workers; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Labor is only a body of public servants to crack the whip of economic over a little band of workers.

WHEREAS: It is impossible for any person to brand this plan as an injustice; but a diabolical and deliberate proposal designed to starve the workers, to starve this country and anchor them to the rock of misery.

Be it therefore resolved by the executive council of the Minnesota Labor Association, Home Office Montevideo, Minnesota, in session assembled on the 24th day of May, 1835, in the City of Montevideo, Minnesota, that our association will never reconcile itself to any such unpatriotic attempt to destroy this nation and then starve them to death and that we will fight to the last ditch any such damnable, unchristian tactics with which the Department of Labor are trying to reduce the relative meres or in the blackest hearts of hell's angels, to tie the men and women of this nation down to such degrading slavery as proposed in this wage scale.

The issue is clear that the great and powerful nation cannot think of a better plan than the one proposed which shall be a patriotic and a national one for the self-same result. and if they do this they will be placing their cities and our country in the best interest of country and the welfare of the workers.

Be it therefore further resolved that this United States of ours be a country where the workers are the masters of society and we will fight and we will fight for the end. For our lives are the same on either side of the border and our union is for all the world. Any country that will help us to our rights will be welcomed in our country and our workers are the masters of this nation.

The Committee Of One Hundred

By Hilliard H. Smith

(Reprinted from the Machinists' Monthly Journal)

There is a new scheme projected by the National Labor organization for the arbitration of labor disputes by a council of business men, miners, laborers, and those who are supposed to get together and settle any question that comes up in a council of business men, miners, laborers, and other representatives of the people.

The Committee of One Hundred, which I have been supporting, is a body of about 400 men who are going to form a company and go into the business of clearing out any questions that come up in the country.

The Committee of One Hundred

The letter to the Editor

July 5, 1935

To the Editor,

I am writing in regard to the activities of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense Fund, which I think should be more widely publicized. I have been made aware of this organization through the efforts of friends raised by the NPLD.

To prevent any misunderstanding, I wish to state that Mr. Heisler did not give his services absolutely free, and that only his rail- and outdoor workers received a fund of money raised by the NPLD on New York, Chicago and elsewhere.

Herbert Zolow

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 12, 1935:

Ice Driv;

Thursday, June 20: Independent Taxicab Driver and Construction Haulers.

Friday, June 21: Independent Taxicab Driver and Construction Haulers.

Monday, June 24: Full Membership;

Tuesday, June 25: Taxi Drivers: Light weight, 1 p.m.; day laborers, 3 p.m.