Federal Workers Unit To Meet Relief Board

The newly formed welfare board of the Federal Workers Unit has been formed to meet the needs of unemployed or dissatisfied members who may be having financial difficulties. The board will meet regularly to discuss the problems of those in need and to provide relief as necessary.

Local 574's Approach to the Problem

Local 574 appreciates such fine co-operation as this which has come from our members. The work of the management committee has been splendid support as this be- cause without it, the union could not help but become a real union town.

The full text of the letter to the Central Labor Union follows:

June 10, 1955.

Central Labor Union
28 N. 8th St.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Central Labor Union has been before it at the present time, the urgent question of getting a peaceful and courteous disposition of the conflict within the ranks of its affiliated bodies.

Several weeks ago, as a result of a telegram from Paul Smith, the General Drivers Local 574 was unorganized and expelled from the Central Labor Union. The delegates present at the meeting had held that they had sustained in the action.

We believe that the affair of the Central Labor Union that very organization, Local 574, was an unfortunate incident involving the battles which resulted in a decision against the CFIA. It is a matter of some concern that the move has been against the union and solidarities of which it is a part of. It is a matter of some concern that the move has been against the union and solidarities of which it is a part of.

The reasons for this conclusion, that is, that the union was acting in accordance with the wishes of the majority of its members, is that the union was acting in accordance with the wishes of the majority of its members.

The meeting of the Central Labor Union that took place on July 8, 1955, was a happy event, since it was able to render much assistance, both directly and in terms of organization, to the station attendants who are engaged in the task of mixing.

Grand Ball a Success

The committee in charge of the Grand Opening Ball held last Sat-

As a direct result of the entertainment, the company has announced a new program, as note elsewhere in this issue.

ICE PRODUCERS SIGN DELIVERY AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL NO. 574

Lucas Ice Company Last to Sign After Brief Tie-up Tuesday Morning

With the signing of the Lucas Ice and Fuel Company during the early morning hours on Tuesday, July 2, a de-

livery agreement between Local 574 and the local ice company was put into effect. In addition to the Lucas Com-

pany, the other signers are the Cedar Lake Ice Company, Kemps Ice Cream Company, Minneapolis Sanitary Ice Company, Hygienic Ice Company and Minneapolis Ice and Fuel Company.

Under the agreement there will be a maximum of six cove-

nates in the week, and all contracts will designate the specific person under which there have been as many as 17 ice trucks operating to sell ice on a single route. The result of this agreement for the drivers has been greatly improved.

The coming public will also gain from this program both from the standpoint of economy and services.

All companies except the Lucas Ice and Fuel Company signed the agreement after negotiations which extended over a period of two weeks. It became necessary for the union to appear before the Lucas platform with a picket line and as a result of this, the agreement signed at 6:46 a.m.

The special committee selected to act on the basis of representation from each plant will meet again on Fri-

day, July 7, to take a further action. And there will be a special meeting for all ice company employees on Wednesday, July 10, at the Local 574 headquarters at 257 Plymouth Avenue north, at 8 p.m.

Reading Between the Lines

Reading from the lines of the daily press, the things that are not printed, or at least not meant to be understood by the workers, is an interesting and most of the time an instructive experience.

The antics of some of our Congressmen during the debate on the "federalization of law enforcement during the war" were amusing, but we were unable to see how they could win for the trade union as a whole.

Our membership in regular meetings is increasing rapidly and we have decided to again propose the seat-

ings of the General Drivers Local 574 to the National Executive Committee of the Central Labor Union. Only in this way can we continue to make and to win a gripping and greedy way made.

Despite speeding and just action, we are, Pratomally yours,

LOCAL 582, L. A. of M.
Selmer Johnson
Sec. Sec.

You, Mr. Dickson, may be too young to remember the last war, but I know the birth of the workers, that thousands, millions, the work-
ers, those who escaped the hell of the battlefield, had to fight hard not for better living conditions only, but also for maintaining their previous standard which was lowered in spite of the small wage gains. It is not because of the ever increasing prices foisted upon the workers by the same genti-

nels whose wealth the bill now sends, attempts to draft along the lines of the severest of the filthy fancies or for the filthy ammunition factory.

There is another hill before Congress in Washington which would be more or less effectively eliminate utility holding companies and


BEATRICE CHASE, Secretary.

Meeting Schedule Local 574

Friday, July 8: Showers, Fed-

eral Drivers Unit. Wood-

Ridge, N. J., 7:45 a.m. mem-

bership.

Monday, July 11: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Wednesday, July 13: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Thursday, July 14: Independent

Drivers Union.

Friday, July 15: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Saturday, July 16: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Sunday, July 17: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Tuesday, July 19: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Wednesday, July 20: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Thursday, July 21: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Friday, July 22: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Saturday, July 23: Federal

Drivers Unit.

Sunday, July 24: Federal

Drivers Unit.

New Leisure Time Program Announced

Starting Saturday evening, July 6, the entertainment committee of Local 574 is inaugurating a new program of fun fests. The facilities of the new headquar-

ters such as to come to such a program very desirable and at the same time afford all members and their friends a chance for relaxation and entertainment.

It is the ultimate aim of the committee to provide a real union headquarters for the lightest side of life with the same spirit of progress that Local 574 has shown in the past.
The New Welfare Board

With a clear liberal majority in the newly constituted welfare board, the workers on the relief rolls have every right to expect better living conditions for themselves. This has become a reality for face the test and it should apply equally to all workers.

This does not mean that the workers can in any sense stand idle, holding out their hands for benefits which they may expect to receive. This is the time, of all times, for them to get into their organization and do battle for the things to which they are entitled. The Federal Workers Unit of Local 574 is the organization through which this battle can best be carried out successfully.

The Labor Bill

A news item reports that passage of the Wagner bill will revive activities of the regional labor board which “has been largely dormant since the Supreme Court decision affecting the NRA.

Dormant is a good technical word, but why limit its application to a period? The labor board has never settled anything. It enters a labor controversy allegedly in an attempt to “settle” it. In most cases the “settlement” is made at the expense of the union. Sometimes a union has a case so sound so the labor board has no choice but to rule in his favor. If the employer does not choose to abide by the board’s decision nothing is done about it.

Is it our opinion that the labor board will still be dormant long after the Supreme Court has declared the Wagner bill unconstitutional.

Real Weapons of Defense

Word comes from Warsaw, Poland, that under a new law 12 million of the 13 million voters in Poland will be deprived of the right to vote. This measure is being forced through by a governmental machinery which does not represent the will of the Polish people. Future balloting will be confined to district electoral colleges comprised of citizens holding government decorations or having university educations or members of local government organizations.

This should serve as a warning against those who would stake the whole welfare and security of the workers on the “protection” of the ballot. When a liberal form of government begins to tread heavily upon the toes of the controllers of employment and property, these exploiters begin immediately to strip their government of all semblance of democracy. Witness the Polish event.

The ballot is at best a second rate weapon of defense. The principal safeguard for the future welfare of the workers lies in the power of their own union organizations. And these unions must rid themselves of false leaders who consider themselves with the crumbls dealt out to them as a sop by the controlling interests. The leadership of the unions must be prepared to lead the workers in militant struggle for that which is theirs.

POPULAR GIRL CONTEST

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First Annual Labor Progress Outdoor Expo
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First Prize, Diamond Ring Second Prize, Wrist Watch Third Prize, $25.00
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Reading Between the Lines

(Continued from last week)

That the holding companies has only one purpose and that is to make “paper ex- pense accounts” upon the books which can be paid by the electric and gas com- pany. That is really one of the great-mos of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. But the gentlemen in charge of the bill because the “proposed leg- islation would add to the poten- tial statutory authority overlapping and duplicating state jurisdictional machinery that the House and Railway Commissions. Now, gentlemen of the Chamber of Com- merce of the United States—yes, you are really not worrying about a waveren, overlapping jurisdiction, or are you? Is it not that the util- ity barons were more than suc- cessful in establishing “friendliness” relationship with the cheap po- litical crowd, in many states occu- pying the position of state com- missioners’ jobs (as in Illinois where a fellow by the name of Smith is Senatlor for Mr. Smith, the then Chairman of the Commerce Committee of the state, the state companies owned by the same R. Smith), and now the new federal instruments to be established if the bill are feared because they would stand to lose it the “Holiday of the utilities”! Gentle- men of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, you honest once and say that you, the owners and controllers of this country, and you, the people, will have no indirect way to overcome the feeding business criminal utilities?..."

A third bill pending before Con- gress it was the National Bank- ing and business and that is nothing less than blasphemy, any another up- holder of the Constitution who cries out in horror because the proposed federal acts attempt to have invested in it the authority over investment, specification..."

Here, says he, we cannot have any kind of the control because such control, if honestly and effectively exercised, will destroy the banks from taking people’s de- mands, thus strengthening the de- mocratization (as it is happening now). It may even prevent the issuance of certificates speci- fying with the people’s deposits in money, and the most horrible thing would be if you were to attack the future, the closing of thousands of banks, if the country were like the people’s deposits locked in. Oh, no, such a thing should not pass— the bankers want to go ahead as they did up to now, “taking us all for another sky-ride.”

The most miserable of all specu- lators over Illinois was the at- titude of Mr. Olander, the state secretary of the American Federation of Labor on the subject preceding the statement and attacked the Illinois Workers Alliance for the hunger strikers, the statement being supported by all the opposi- tion to the increased sales tax. Mr. Olander came from the in- creased sales tax even though the A. F. of L. in Illinois had gone more than 1,000 miles from tax in general and its increase in partic- ular. But the big bugs of the A. F. of L. who are always true to form. They are, as Olander showed, after the unions from those who “have not in order to relieve those who have “have”.

From the Grass Roots confer- ences in the party, since Lincoln, progressively working the workmen the full dinner bell, a living wage and a saving wage..."

What about the chicken in ex-