PROTESTS FAIL TO SHAKE STRIKE MORALE

Fake Charges Seeking to Discredit Strikers Continue

The reports in the daily newspapers over the past week indicate that the strikes now in progress in Minneapolis are in a changing phase of new conflict, from which charges of racketeering in the movement, propaganda, etc., are being hurled. The committee and publics of the news company, under agreement, now require, to confuse the workers as to the true state of the controversy.

The facts are that all strikes are solid. Despite the plant-wide as an allied settlement among which the metal workers were to go to work on Tuesday with an increase in pay, the iron plants are still closed. The settlement was strictly a beer idea. It did not take into consideration the needs of the workers and, in fact, was not even discussed with the union.

On Friday, August 20, notice was served on Local 1313 that if it did not accept this beer program, the strike would be opened by force on Tuesday, September 3. The workers went on strike and the bluff and the plants did not open.

At the Straw Knitting Workers' strike they are growing reedy. All skilled workers are in the union with the exception of less than 100 who are non-union. The union is strong, and all the plants are closed.

Our Strike Policy

The struggle of a labor is a common struggle of all workers. There can be no such thing as lack of interest by one union in the struggle of another. It is the common interest of all unions to try to get good contracts for their own members, but also to lend their active and full support to the other locals.

Local 574 realizes the value of such support. It was only through the unflagging and devoted aid which came to us from outside our own ranks that we were able to win in 1934. We stand ready at all times to give what assistance we can, whenever we are called on, as we have repeatedly done in the past.

Certain soundbites in the local labor movement have tried to stab us in the back for giving this assistance. They have sought to bound us as racketeers and incorrigibles. They have done this because of their eager desire to cover up their own weaknesses and fruitless policies. We cannot permit this condition to continue, and the standing of our own union in the eyes of honest union men and women.

Local 574 still stands by its policy of giving whatever assistance it can whenever it is officially asked. It is the policy of the Executive Board to stand by the stand of our own union and other locals. We merely place what resources we have at their disposal and under their direction.

If the rest of the labor movement feels that the assistance given to the Truck Drivers Union is of any value in times of trouble, we call upon the unions to halt the slackers which have perpetrated against Local 574 and to see that we are accorded the standing which we have justly earned.

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A special meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the negotiation meetings. A meeting with the employer is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

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ried almost the entire brunt of the
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—both in 1934 and today—that
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But not everyone will recall at
this point of the trial that he is
a right-wing politician who has
destroyed the lives of others on
principle. And there are some
people who are simply not in a
position to judge the accuracy
of the charges.

Toward Stability

Local 574 has become a veteran of hard struggles and has wrestled constantly with manifold problems. It is the bosses alone that the union has been forced to combat. It has also had to defend itself against attacks from within the union engineered by the Tobin clique and other opportunist and reactionary elements.

Tested in this crucible of fire, the union is reaching a stability which has a real meaning to its members. There are no leaders who have been in the past. The union has established prestige and a reputation for fighting for its members. Conditions have been greatly improved in the coal, coke, transfer, market, construction, and transit sections of the union. The greatest results have been obtained in the coal and ice industries. New developments now taking place in the transfer industry will soon place it on a parallel with the other two sections. Other developments now taking root will lead to constant improvement in the other sections, as well.

The power of a strong Drivers' Union has been well demonstrated. It is a valuable service for the drivers themselves and equally valuable as a strong ally for the balance of the movement. Not so many months ago it was

a common sight to see a truck driver making a delivery with a picture line. Today this just simply doesn't happen.

Local 574 is an established, deeply rooted union. It is here to stay and it is here to build.

The Secret Six

Labor leaders who join in schemes to disarm the unions of their fighting power have consistently met with bad experiences. The Minneapolis Committee of 1908 was very short-lived; the meeting in the reception room of Mayor Latimer's office was far from popular with the workers. Those who persist in participating in these actions are the agents of the condemnation which they earn in this dangerous game. For this reason we now have a "Secret Six" in Minneapolis. It, too, will prove to be a dupe.

A Much Needed Conference

A short time ago a meeting was held at which delegates from several unions drafted a resolution calling a conference to take up the question of fighting for the reinstatement of Local 574 into the A. F. of L. Many unions have signed this call and it will be sent out very soon. Recent developments in Minneapolis make this conference necessary and desirable. Only one of the 27 Local 574 but also to analyze the whole question of "locked-door" conferences, "Secret Six" committees and all the other nefarious schemes that have been brought into the open by labor fakers and political opportunists.

The time has well arrived for a showdown on this matter of "back-door" diplomacy. The closet of the reactionaries needs an airing.

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