RELIEF WORKERS DEMONSTRATION FRIDAY 8 A.M.

To Assemble at Auditorium and March to Court

Demand that Welfare Board Receive 25% Chief Increase

After almost two weeks of fruitless dickering with the Farmer Labor-controlled Welfare Board in regard to the return of the 35% relief cut that was imposed on re- relief clients, according to the Federal Workers Section of Local 574 of the C.I.O., the workers have taken action. Representatives of the Federal Workers have appeared before the board on no fewer than five times in the past two weeks. They have attempted to make good their campaign promises in regard to a raise in relief standards. Up to this time they have played with the question in the most cowardly fashion.

The workers of Minneapolis are finding out that the Farmer Labor city administration, elected after promising the workers the world with one hand in it, is only a fairy godmother. They have behaved in as rotten a manner, in regard to the relief situation, as the most out and out representatives of the employers that were ever elected.

The workers voted for them and elected them because they thought that there was a new deal for labor in sight. Their campaign promises have been thrown into the dustbin of contempt. The chief relief clients are getting the same old run-around. Relief has been cut and strike-breaking is on their agenda.

The time has come to demonstrate to these people, elected by the votes of workers, that they are not to be held responsible for their actions. The Federal Workers Section of Local 574 has come to the realization that all of their efforts to persuade the board to raise relief standards have proven vain. Words have failed and the time for action has arrived.

The Federal Workers Section of Local 574, the only living, growing, and living union in Minneapolis unemployeed, has invited every other organization already associated with it to join it in a mass demonstration on Friday, Sept. 13, at 8 a.m. Every unemployed man or woman in Minneapolis is urged to take part in this meeting. We will meet at the Municipal Auditorium Friday morning at 8 o'clock. From there we will march to the City Hall House. And there by the force of our numbers we will show the world to Mayor Latimer and his Welfare Board.

Robert F. Pack
President of the Northern States Power Company. During recent months Pack has carried on a desperate struggle against Local 186 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which is organizing his employees. He has reported to every possible means of intimidation, including the time-worn red scare, in his efforts to break the union's hold in his plants. Alexander, who will sit with Pack in the witness stand, is a member of the same International to which Local 166 is affiliated.

Donald D. Davis
President of General Mills, Inc., which has for 15 years nurtured a company union in its plants. This month the company has decided to allow the workers (Continued on page 2)

Mayor Latimer Attempts to Introduce Compulsory Arbitration in Local Disputes—Reactionary Union Leaders Aid

Oil Men Demand 800 Men Get Jobs Back

Canadian Operators Union Local 1880 has set September 15 as the deadline for strike action by the employees refusing to negotiate a satisfactory settlement before that date. Hopes of a pre- union settlement are nil as the companies refuse to discuss the question of job layoffs and have confined their remarks to objec- tions over the scope of the union.

The employers object principal- ly to the inclusion of employees whom they class as dealers. These men are forced to work under fraudulent leases on a commission basis and are paid on very short notice. As long as this situation continues the companies will not be able to establish a wage scale because the companies avoid compliance with the law by calling them independent.

The demands of the union in- volve the discharge of a large number of men who lost employment be- cause they refused to work under the present system or were starved out while trying to earn a living from commission earnings. In January 1935 one employee of the Shell Oil Co. received $3.91 for 416 hours of work. Even though he was not an employee, the Texas Co. sent a letter to one of the operators informing him that he could not attend company sales meetings he would be fired.

The Trackage Oil Co., employing a driver on the basis of half the profit for materials which he hauled and charged for half the expense on the truck, credited him with $46.29 income for the month of July. He was charged $13.09 in wages but was also paid and re- ceived only $33.11 for one month’s work, working in about 70 hours per week.

The union has affidavits and evidence of these cases and checks on file with which to prove these statements.

Bosse Bosses of 'Labor' Board Have Anti-Union Record

The chairman and the employer representatives on the Minneapolis Steel Castings Company and a representative of the National Manufacturers Association. This association which is widely recognized as the arbiter of labor by any employer group is on record as follows regarding labor unions: "We are not opposed by bad unionism, if such exists any- where. The American brand of labor organization, however, is un-Ameri- can, illegal and incorrect." It is on the basis of these statements that Mayor Latimer and the bosses in the labor board propose to place the welfare of the unions in the hands of the entire board. Nothing can come by any way except from a full mobil- ization to the open shop conditions of the past.

Meeting Schedule Local 574


Latimer Opposed to Strike Endorsement

The Ormamental Metal Workers, Local 1313, appeared before the Minneapolis Central Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party at its last meeting to ask for the endorsement of their strike. The only opposition to the endorse- ment came from the office of the mayor. The spokesman, a func- tionary from the Mayor’s office, said the endorsement was the grounds that such action would prove embarrassing to the mayor. The strike has been endorsed by the CLU, the State Federation of Labor and the Machinists Inter- national.

Several of the leading figures in the police department spoke in favor of the en- dorsement and urged the police officers approval of the fact that the leading committee of the party in power in the city government had to go to the newspapers to find out what the mayor was doing.

The strike was endorsed before the close of the meeting.

Pledges Use of Police Department Against Unions Which Fail to Submit to New Board

Prosser and Miller Direct Drive on Striking Unions

"Secret Six" Grows Into Full Blown Striking Machine

The direction of trade union ac- tivities in Minneapolis has been transferred to the control of union halls to the offices of the Citizen Alliance. The Employer- Employees Board and the 23rd Full Membership of the Farmer Labor Latimer is the proposed medium through which this change is to be made.

The mayor’s proclamation ap- pointing his members clearly empow- ers the board’s functions and the extended powers of its power. The mayor calls upon all striking workers to return to their jobs. Even the unorganized boards have not dared to take this open posi- tion of strike-breaking. After the strikers have returned to their jobs (if they can get back) without a struggle, the board can have the board “adapt the differ- ences.” And in the future all unions “must follow this same or- derly procedure without interrupt- ion of operations.” To the Em- ployer-Employee Board and to the citizens of Minneapolis (the bon- es) the mayor pledges the full support of “all the agencies at my command to the preservation of law and order.”

This, meaning that, under the Lat- imer system, the employers have outlawed, all labor controversies are to be handled by a Citizen Alliance, Employer Board, and any group of organized workers who refuse to submit to this program will have to face the clubs and guns of the police department.

This board, which Latimer pro- poses to rule the unions, will express at all times the policies of the Citizen Alliance. It will be run by C. A. Prosser, the chairman, and R. J. Miller, who is resigning from the Federal Labor Board, and H. F. Pack, D. H. Davis and E. W. Warren, who are alleged labor representatives, T. E. Dunning- ton, J. J. Bacon, and Gay Alex- ander, will make up the force to raise their voices against this program.

It has remained for a Farmer Labor city administration to hand over the control of the union program of which they have long dreamed but have never been able to successfully install. The
The Latimer Board

The most treacherous of all ground which the unions must traverse in their search for decent living conditions is the swamp of class-collaboration. Many labor leaders, after they leave the office, forget about the hardships which the workers are forced to endure, and so forgetting, succumb to the siren call of the clever overtures made by boss agents who receive high salaries to devote their entire energies toward the task of compromising the leaders of the unions and thus rendering the workers’ organizations impotent.

Locking a clear understanding of the supreme task of labor (to completely abolish a social system which leads to so many inequalities with the attendant hardships and suffering), not gifted with the courage to carry on the fight against them, content to draw their weekly salary with a minimum amount of effort to earn it, yearning to be considered a good fellow by the boss (the boss considers a labor leader a good fellow who is giving something away which rightfully belongs to the workers), these leaders who call themselves “safe and sane” are constantly flirting with boards of one kind and another which would serve as substitutes for the unions which have been legislated only through long years of struggle and with the sacrifice of many lives.

On the political field the same process takes place. Men are elected to office on a platform which calls for them to use their powers principally in the interest of the workers find that they are confronted with circumstances which call for courageous men to stand a true course. Trying to administer the laws written by the boss and for the boss, they find themselves involved in a series of compromises which hopelessly trap and enslave them.

It is out of such a combination of circumstances as this, and with such characters as Latimer, Cunningham, Boscoe, and Alexander that devices like the Minneapolis Empanelment have come into being. It is a necessary for the board to quickly establish a reputation. It is not impossible that such an effort to gain respect will be made by attempting to work out a settlement in the Sintree workers strike. However, it is no use to be deceived by this because it will be nothing more than a matter of pure expediency if it is done. In the end this board will completely betray the workers.

Stool Pigeon School

Mayor Latimer has asked the WPA to allot funds for a special traffic project under which he can deputize 1,200 relief workers as special traffic officers. On the surface it appears that this request is made in an effort to carry the heavy toll of traffic accidents in recent weeks. It is true that such an aim could be accomplished even with far fewer than 1,200 men.

Most important of the other possibilities in such a deputized force. First of all, it would release the entire armed and well trained force of the police department to be free for duty in strikes. Judging by past performance, under both Bainbridge and Latimer, this would mean that the police would completely prohibit the workers from exercising their constitutional rights of assembly and peaceful picketing.

Secondly, this could well be the first step toward making stool-pigeons and informers out of the unem-ployed workers. The Civic and Commerce Association has offered to furnish “Sam Brown” belts as a badge of autho-rity when he goes out to police. It only remains now, after the proper training and weeding out of those who cannot be counted as “reliable” for use against striking workers, for the Citizens Alliance to volunteer to furnish them a few more with a Hasfere band for use against the trade unions.

We call upon the men in the breadlines to denounce such degrading proposals.

“Secret Six” Blooms Into Union-Buster

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“Proser Plan,” the “Committee of six” who have been attempting to sterilize the unions faild com-pletely even with the sup- port of the Missouri劳工 Unions. The Bundles are announced. Elected on an anti-union ticket, these men are try ing to build their unions and im- prove their living standards, Latimer, acting as his labor-serving bureau of the specific form by lending the authority of his office to this plot against union action.

It is customary in reactionary cities for the mayor to be used as a front man while the city is run by a Citizens Alliance controlled board. Latimer and his council have been legitimated by the provisions of the law. The boards are sitting in the district courts and are practicing before the specific form which has been legislated only through long years of struggle and with the sacrifice of many lives.

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Union Notes

For the benefit of those people who think they are going to break Local 574 we would remind them of the success of Local 574. When Mr. W. L. Algy who went to Alaska to hunt bear. A few days later the natives carved the following few simple lines on Lord Algy’s tombstone:

Mr. W. L. Algy
The bear was busy
The bundle was Algy

The football team of Local 574 will play the St. Paul team on some Saturday night, Sept. 14. All of the funds raised at this affair will go into the hands of the team with suits. The boys are out practicing hard and should have the support of every member of the union.

Who was that well-known heavy hauler who hooked his tractor on to an empty trailer and handed it over to the police? The impression that it was loaded?

Now that the summer is over, those members who have been neglecting their union meetings should resolve to be on hand for the next one. If the meetings are transacted at these meetings, they are made up of the union’s members. Every member has a duty towards the union. Arrangements have been made to mail each issue of the N.O.L.A. to every member who has been a member of the union for three months or more. If you have not received an N.O.L.A. you are not a member.

Relief Workers to Demonstrate Friday

Mayor Latimer has asked the Minneapolis work- ers’ church in whose name the funds have been made before election be fulfilled. Every indication given by the fact that: “When we gave them a rope they used it to hang us. When we gave them a harpoon they used it to sink us.”

Neville Thomas, the 24-year-old man in his 1935 in the course of this cease- less battle between the laboring masses and the white haves who at any moment may cause some quiet American street to bloom with tear gas and black arm men running to factory gates.

As regards Cuba, she’s like a woman that ’th’ whole neighborhood helps to divorce from a crook because she’s got ’th’ heart of a blood-ard, an’ a miserable home but a home, an’ a small credit at th’ bank, an’ nothin’ else.

I’ve gone into th’ dreamin’ busi- ness the past few weeks. I’ve been trying to buy anything from ’th’ heart of a Chinese woman.

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