“COMPANY UNION” PROVEN FRAUD

CANDY STRIKE ENDS AS ALL BOSSES SIGN

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Organizer Sub Drive Soon to Be Launched

BOSSES HAVE FINAL WORD IN FAKE “UNIONS” RUN WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

Local 574 Blocks Scab Relief Coal

The North Star Wooden Mills are basely engaged in forming a company union among their employees. It goes under the name of a “Protection Association” or some such pious title.

Despite the fact that the formation of such an organization is illegal under the Wagner Act, the law is so full of loopholes that such organizations are easily evaded by a determined employer.

Transfer Agreement Is To Be Reprinted

At the Tuesday night meeting of the executive board of Local 574 the question of the Minnesota Sugar and Refining Company in a jurisdictional dispute in the Midwest district was given over to the board for action.

Rudy Norey, steward of the Local 574, appeared before the board in regard to the matter and pointed out that this constituted a clear violation of the jurisdictional agreement.

Earl Persson, manager of the Co-operative Coal Company, appeared before the board in regard to the matter and pointed out that this constituted a clear violation of the jurisdictional agreement.

The board decided to print the transfer agreement in booklet form for distribution among the members. The By-Laws Committee was authorized to make a thorough examination of the agreement.

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The Gas Station Employers Union reports that the decision of the oil companies to compete with the oil employers is scheduled to be in effect on November 4 and November 10. It is also reported that the larger oil companies through the medium of the cut rate stations controlled by them are trying to force the small oil companies to decrease their prices. A subscription drive for the Organizing Committee was discussed and plans were made for a meeting of the membership next week.

Drivers Win 7-6

The Local football team came to life Sunday at North Commons and took the Northfielders into camp by a score of 7 to 6. In a tightly contested game of the 40 yard touchdown run of Tony Paikko, who kicked and placed the ball. Next Sunday the 574 draws a bye in the schedule.

WARNS OF F-L DRIFT TO RIGHT

Dewey Johnson Cites Moves Against Labor in Minneapolis

Dewey Johnson of the insurance department of the State of Minnesota spoke before the Junior-Farmer-Labor Association at the Curtis Hotel Tuesday night. He bitterly denounced the local Farmer-Labor administration for their efforts to carry out their pre-election promises. He said that the armored cars used against strikers had been abandoned by the Farmer-Labor leaders and that by Mayor Lister's actions in the Flour City strike he had definitely turned his back on labor.

The Junior Association that the Farmer-Labor Party was turning to the right and pointed out that this constituted a clear violation of the agreement.

Howard Y. Williams, national organizing director of the Farmer-Labor Party, will be the speaker at the Open Forum Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Drivers Auditorium. His subject will be, “What Are the Prospects of a National Farmer-Labor Party in 1937?”

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Officers of Local 574 appeared before the Welfare Board at the recent meeting on October 23, to demonstrate the dangers when contracts are not properly interpreted. The board failed to point out the dangers which are in direct competition with the benefits which are in competition with the benefits of the job.

Written agreements with employers were reported by only 13% of the companies. Less than half of these sent copies of contracts to support their agreements. Many of the contracts where contracts were furnished, the agreement is most nearly NLR labor code or “declarations of mutual good will.”

It was claimed that the “company union” had contracts with labor unions, but nothing in the report shows that this permission extended to the contract. The report shows that no local had any contract with the union.

The report was that the “company union” was not interested in any labor movement, but also from all other contracts, excepting the combined and his hand-picked spokesmen.”

Bos has Final Word in Fake “Unions” Run Without Membership Meetings or Written Agreements

The labor’s condemnation of the “company union” has been emphatically scored in a conservatively worded official report just issued by the Department of Labor. The department characterized the boss-controlled organizations as devices through which employers work their will on workers and deny them anything real like representation. The report is based on a questionnaire sent to 43,800 unions. Five weeks was required to judge the “company union.”

1. Who are the members paid?
2. If regular membership meetings are held?
3. Are there any agreements with the employers?
4. Does the “union” maintain contact with other workers’ organizations?
5. Was the right retained to determine arbitration of disputes without the management exercising the right of veto?

All of these attributes are common to bona fide unions. If the “company union” did not comply, it was not considered that it could fairly be called a representative of workers. Only 10 of the 43,000 companies responded to the test and in these cases the Department, found that the reports are authentic because they came from different establishments dealing with different craft, industrial, and geographic conditions and were pronounced consistent and accurate.

Many of the “company unions” made no pretense whatever at being trade unions. To quote the majority of the “company unions” were found to be of recent origin. Sixty-three per cent have been established between 1933 and 1934 and only 10% are older than one year. In one-third of the “company unions,” the agreement is such that if the workers did not join, they could not keep their job. In only 150 “company unions” were members required to contribute in any way to organizing expenses and this condition existed only when membership was optional. Most of the others charged a few cents monthly.

The conclusion is that the employer run the “company union” as he has operated his other property, without advice or suggestion from those on his payroll.

The report writers added evidence to threats by certain “benefits” that the report does not describe. The “benefits” are obtained only by the workers. The workers are in direct competition with the benefits which are in competition with the benefits of the job.
The Acme of Logic

The delegates to the recent A. F. of L. convention surmised all heights of profundity when they voted not to endorse the Landen unemployment bill because "this authorship had communists in it, and the merits of the bill. Not one thought for the welfare of the unemployed. Just the most complete disregard for human welfare for the sake of a boss shibboleth."

A National Issue

Desperate attempts have been made by the Citizens Alliance to open the Strutwear. Police violence, impersonal newspaper ads, resolutions in the City Council, committee to Mayor Dunning, attempts to get Governor Olson, committees to County Attorney Goff, Grand Jury investigations and "jail the radicals and open Strutwear" speeches— all of these tactics have been used, still the Strutwear remains closed. Why? First because it was closed by a legitimate strike of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers; second, it was closed through the threat of the railroads to ship men up to the wage level which obtains in the hosiery plants located in other cities. The present labor policies of the Strutwear Knitting Company are jeopardizing the living conditions of every American hosiery worker. Operating under sweat shop conditions, the Strutwear management boasts a net profit of 15% on its entire output which is equal to a 100% profit in industry. In the face of these facts, the management refuses even to meet and discuss with the representatives of its employed workers the most miniscule closed until the workable practices are aban-

A Pollyanna Report

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor reports a membership of 3,153,915 on the basis of reports by the affiliated unions. This is its actual membership. The report arbitrarily states that an actual membership of 6,000,000 is a "normal" or "productive" estimate. This gross figure of one million which they put out of thin air are "workers who have pledge allegiance to the union's cause but have been prevented from joining by unemployment from regular employers." The right to vote, which the Executive Council claim these workers as members? The American Federation of Labor has done nothing for these men, has no provision for them, or organize as unemployed workers. It has merely dropped them from its membership roles and, except when making reports to the conventions, they are completely forgotten.

On the when the American Federation of Labor actually does something to aid the unemployed will it be entitled to use such figures. Until that time reports like this one can be considered as nothing more less than a Pollyanna report.

Pro-Labor

The Northwest Organizer, official organ of Local 574, has been and will continue to be the voice of the General Drivers Union in the easy pressive section of the Northwest labor movement. It proposes to continue to print news that is of interest to the membership of the union.

We, unlike the newspapers, do not claim to be non-partisan. Our claim of non-partisanship and neutrality is false. They publish and print editorials that are of interest to the class they belong to. The General Drivers Union is the absolute dictators in the final acknowledgment of everything that appears in the news and editorial columns of a capitalist newspaper. Everything that appears in the General Drivers Union paper is approved by the class of the paper that it must cater to.

We make no claim of neutrality or non-partisanship. We intend to serve the interest of the workers and particularly the organized workers. We will print news that the boss papers suppress. Our editorials will be in favor of workers' organizations and for united action of labor. We are frankly and openly pro-labor.

Keeping Steep With 574

By Mickey Dune

Saturday morning a coal work or from the River Terminal Dock is chased with the unending song of the union office and said that since he had joined the union he did not think he was eligible for union membership. But Charles Hofer, who is considered himself, ineligible, the union was told that he was not married.

D. A. Tisholt, secretary of the Minnesota Coal Company, was called before the hearing. He signed the coal agreement.

During the recent recorder of Mayor Dunning had a proxy go pleasant hunting for him—it was Bill Schenker.

CERTAIN ST. PAUL TRADE UNION BLACK ROOKS ARE GOING TO FIND THEMSELVES IN WOLF'S MOUTH—PERSIST IN FLIRTING WITH OUR MEMBERS IN THE MID-WINTER.~

Moe Hark, Executive Board member, has started bringing his lunch to board meetings.

A driver for the Speed-O-Lac Company according to reports had joined 500, appeared Monday at the union office and given the name of J. S. Joseph, Bailbridge ap-

The Autumn Dance given by the Central Labor Union Saturday night was a gala affair, lovely music, charming decorations and beautiful women. One slight incident occurred the manner perfectly orthodox. The arrangements committee had forgotten to engage an orches-

Relief moving jobs which, thanks to Local No. 574, are now going to be eliminated, is to be nice business for these companies.

The Romance Department re-

Blanche Jones, Minnesota po-