**Overland Truck Drivers Have Great Need for a Real Union Organization**

Today, in Minneapolis, the greatest number of unorganized drivers are those engaged in overland or long distance driving. These workers are not unorganized because they do not want to belong, but arranged in the most suitable way for them, that is, all of the truck drivers engaged in local hauling. Some of them work under night conditions and continue driving for 12 hours or more at a time. Drivers who travel much are continually changing, trying to get better work or wages, and often more than half of the time they spend driving. This problem of work and wages is so great that it is almost impossible to get two of these drivers to agree on what constitutes fair wages and working conditions for the line drivers. Minneapolis is one of the greatest truck terminals in the North. We estimate that a little less than 2,000 Minneapolis truck drivers make Minneapolis their headquarters. Truck lines from everywhere unload their merchandise in Minneapolis truck terminals. The task of organizing this vast number of line drivers is hard but not impossible. A well planned and well executed twin city campaign is the answer.

**Unions Form Amateur Band**

It has lately come to the attention of various members of the local that there is a demand in the union is a great variety of musical and social organizations. Several members of our organization are musically inclined, very desirous of forming a band, orchestra or other musical organization of their own. We beg that you will consider this matter in your next meeting. A minority report has disclosed the fact that there are literally dozens of first class musicians who are members of Local No. 574. We do not intend to form any band or orchestra that will compete with the musician's union. But it is certain with the talent at our disposal we could have an excellent amateur musical organization that could be used to great advantage by the union. Any and all members of the union No. 574 or the Federal Section or who desire to join a band should get in touch with Dick Atherton, 2907 27th Ave. S., or come and leave your name and address at the union office along with kind of instrument you play, length of experience, etc.

**There is no matter whether your experience has been great or a little, get in touch with the new band that is being formed.**

**Power Workers To Hold Affair**

Saturday night, Local 169, Northern States Power Employees will give a celebration dance in Drivers' Auditorium, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. This affair will be held to celebrate the signing of the union agreement between Local 169 and the company. The committee in charge has worked hard to make the dance a success. Good music has been provided and a good time is assured for everyone.

**Ticket Sales:**

Tickets are 25c. Every employee of the Northern States Power Company is invited to come and bring their friends.

**Meeting Postponed**

The Committee called the meeting of the Packing House Organization to be held on May 30th, was postponed until March 7th and 8th.

**Special Notice**

All members of Federal Workers Section, Attention! Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting of the section to which you are all invited. This meeting will be held to sign the contract with the company covering new wage scale and working conditions. The contract will be presented to the union at the meeting. Matters of good will and friendship will be discussed at this meeting. Do not be absent. Do not fail to present.

**NATIONAL LABOR UNION**

**Make Minneapolis a Union Town**

**Clayton Company Attempts Bold Blow at Union**

Individual Agreements Are Given to All Workers to Sign

Alert Union Committee Halts Construction Cost-cutting Campaign

Last week the J. R. Clayton Company attempted to trap the workers at that factory with a new agreement. Clayton Company's agreement is only two weeks before Furniture Union Local No. 1859 had signed a contract with the company covering new wage scale and working conditions, throughout the plant, of about 14 per cent.

Despite the fact that, after signing the agreement, had a letter of resignation, apparently came to the realization that it was up to them, in some matter, to set aside and negotiate their agreement with the union.

**Wednesday, May 19th, the plant was suddenly flooded with an incessant appearing card headed "Terms of Employment." The card listed first, name of employee, department, third, rate of pay. A space was left for the signature of the employee. The card continued, "This agreement is hereby cancelled, this notice, if required by government regulation." So rapidly was this work done, the Union Committee had taken recognition of the fact that their contract was in danger, dozens of workers in the plant, had affixed their names to the cards.

However, as soon as an order was landed in the hands of the Union Committee, a meeting was hurriedly called. In the meeting, it was decided that the shop committee go through the plant and pick up the cards before they reached the office. This was done. Monday night the Union Committee met at the union hall in its possession. The prompt action taken by the committee apparently blocked the company move to break down the union. However, at this meeting, was not the end of the matter.

**Monday morning saw a new and different form of individual contract appear. This one was signed by every man.** The matter was taken care of when the end of the document was the line reading, "This agreement subject to change without notice, if required, by government regulation." Editor, a great order, however.

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Bill Brown Says—Great things were done at the C. L. U. Wednesdays. The membership of the Milk Drivers Union secured definite and final settlement with the employers as far as strikes were concerned as one of our local unions of the Milk Drivers Union. This settlement involved three agencies, three men, three fishermen, and three employers. The settlement was so arranged that the fishermen will not be just and are just and when they are not. Who would have guessed that there were so many people representing these complications. Now the Milk Drivers are back on track. 

BILL BROWN, President of 574.

Green’s Speech to Miners Lengthy; Delegates Shout ‘No’ at Conclusion

The Labor Review, official organ of the United Mine Workers Union, devotes two-thirds of last week’s issue to reprinting the ‘Harmony Proposal’ of Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, before the convention of the United Mine Workers in Washington, D. C. Now we can find no great fault with the reprinting of even such much of the speech as is abridged by the results they achieve.

King Catane set up his throne by the seashore and, to demonstrate his tremendous power over men, he has no doubt, on this occasion Catane made a very short speech in his usual inept but. His feet were wet by the rising tide. Just as such as he achieved by the meeting of the Mine Workers union.

The rising tide of industrial unionism not only wet Green’s feet, but he heard them, and that manner, has been able to bring about, changes, and changes are even now taking place. One of the most important things that are taking place is the changing of the structure of the labor movement.

Lowe represents trade union relations. He is the high priest and spokesman for a dying order. In his struggle to retain the position of the industrial union the gathering of his miners and asked their permission to deliver his program for industrial and racial unionism. Not only was the support that he sought but the delegates of the Mine Workers Executive Committee the right to withhold tax and pay of employees from the order. Although the railroad strike was not a very important one the railroad strike was not a very important one and no such organization as the railroad strike was. Though.

Bill of Rights

Tampa Terror Reign Told in Pamphlet

Tampa’s reign of terror is told in a moving manner in a new pamphlet received today. It is published by the Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa. The editorium is a committee of Joseph Shesnaker, leading to his death, is told in detail. The story of the committee, Rogers and Poulson, is linked in with the story of Florida’s Klu Klux Klan repression.

The pamphlet is entitled TAMPA TERROR. The purpose of the Defense of Civil Rights Co-operative with other working class defense organizations and had considered. They are now the practice, open to any group in the state.

Central Labor Union Meetings Baffle Inquirer for Truth

We wish to inquire at this time, who are these people, the Trades and unorganized workers, who are the last few Central Labor Union meetings have been conducted.

In support of the holding executive sessions or are they, as was formerly the practice, open to any group in the state.

N. S. P. Committee Meets Management

The Local 160 Grievance Committee in the Overhead Department of the Railroad has held a first meeting with the heads of this department but has been unable to successfully settle the differences which exist.

Can you be made for the Executive Board of the union to go with the Grievance Committee in the Overhead Department. If you are so inclined you can call for any group in the state.

We are not called for all operators at 257 times the time of last Sunday took similar action.

The Executive Board of Local 104 requires that the newly organized machinists of the union is developing, a very efficient rate of speed and is reporting real accomplishment.
California Sugar Workers
Write Interesting Letter

On January 31st the Northwest Organizer received a letter from Lundeen, a sugar cane grower at Los Banos, California, asking that the two cents collected for each ton of sugar be taken in with a nice strike against the growers. The company has taken every dirty intimidation that could be thought of to stop the boycott. The planters are still here and gaining members.

The President of the Central Labor Council even came to our office and told us that we could not expect our charter as an independent union not affiliated with the A. F. of L. to be accepted. He backed up a reply in a letter received from the President of the National Sugar Workers Union. The NWU accepted the contention that we would do everything in our power to give the growers a little time to cool off. We could not call to the attention of the rest of the growers that we were an independent union not affiliated with the A. F. of L.

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On February 15, 1936, M. B. Dunne, General Manager of the Duluth News-Record, wrote to our Union asking us that we do everything in our power to give the growers a little time to cool off. We could not call to the attention of the rest of the growers that we were an independent union not affiliated with the A. F. of L. This is the most interesting letter that we have ever received from a sugar cane grower.

The Sugar Workers Union is a good rank and file group and we intend to have a union in this sugar factory no matter how long it takes.

The work of organizing this group is not an easy task. We have had to work against all odds and the company is using every means to prevent us from organizing.

The workers in this plant are all men and they have no idea of what a union means. They have never had a chance to be organized and are not interested in being organized.

If you can get anything out of this letter it was to put in your paper (which we all think is a splendid paper) put it in and make it as you have done in the past in the past, because to have a copy of the paper I am asking for.

I wish to thank you for your splendid support and interest in our union.

Fraternally yours,
E. M. Moon Asst. Secy.

Lundeen Talks
The Franko-Lundeen Social occasion in the form of a radio talk by Congressmen Franko and Lundeen, was held Friday afternoon, February 11, on the Mutual Broadcasting System. The talk will be repeated on February 26th by Station WCCO, Minneapolis.

CRANK COMPANY
ATTEMPTS BOLD BLOW AT UNION

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The second card was as bad as the first.

What both amounted to was this: Such a card, if signed by the employer, would create a complete individual contract with each worker that signs such a contract and agreement. It would be equivalent to adicting away any previous agreement that existed between the company and the union.

There can be no question that but the prompt action on the part of the employers the union would have been solemnly breached. They had no way of knowing whether their action was authorized or not, and so far as we know there was no harm done. This little skirmish with the employeeshould help to steady many of the employers. We are sure that it would be very helpful.

Legion Post at Northern States

The new American Legion Post at the process of formation at the Northern States Power Com- pany is an impressive sight. The legionnaires are all members of the company and the company's full support. They have been in the process of organizing for the last two years and have been working hard for it. They are to be congratulated on their patience.

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Maritime Unions
Face Life Struggle

On the Pacific coast the Maritime Unions are probably facing the greatest life struggle of their history. The wages of the seafarers have been lowered and the wages of the longshoremen are barely enough to live on. The seamen are organized and the longshoremen are not.

Literally thousands of citizen deputies have been sworn in and armed. They are being told the work is important and to protect "flags, homes, mothers and country.

Actually the ship owners are preparing to breach their contracts with the unions. There will be a court battle to take place and it will be a struggle for which they are well prepared. The owners have come out on top.

Citizen vigilantes are openly threatening union men with the wording that they are willing to strike a blow in the interests of the country, in the interests of course, in the interests of the employers.

The reason for the strike has been announced, and the Department of Labor is investigating the matter.

The New 574 By-Laws
Merit Close Study of All

The new Constitution and By-Laws of General Drivers Union Local 574 have been received from the printers and are now being distributed to the membership. A great deal of credit must go to the members of the Local 574 Drafting Committee for the By-Laws and Constitution for the past four months. They have done a splendid job and the Constitution and By-Laws were printed on page 1 of the booklet should be read and studied by every union man. We consider the style so good that we reprint it in full.

James J. Peterson, President.
H. L. Bennett, Secretary.
SUGAR WORKERS UNION
Affiliated with A. F. of L.
P. O. Box 81
Tracy, California

Feb. 15, 1936

M. B. Dunne
Gen. Managers' Union Local No. 574
257 Plymouth Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reply to your letter of 2-5-36, I will try and give you some details as well as possible.

We applied for our charter about the 1st of July, 1935, and as far as we know, we were organizing a company that was operating against us and organizing labor.

The company discharged five men on August 7th of this year, four of which men had been employed at the Tracy plant only two months, one of which men had been two years, Their reason given was that they were too many men. The bosses went to every man and told him he was discharged because of the company's interests being jeopardized.

They talked with each individual man that worked in the plant and told each one of them that we are an authorized union and were not affiliated with the A. F. of L. This was a lie, and only that, we were a bunch of radicals and were only being discharged because we didn't have any man's money, and then we would all leave town. So they promised the men if they did not join the union they would give them steady work the year around. As soon as the busy season was over they laid them off, and in a few days they laid off every man employed by them that they would give them a job at a new mill right bunches recently had been made. The wages are from 26c to 30c an hour, 40 hours per week, 40 cents for lunch per day, at the company hotel and pay 35c a month to the company for lodging. All of these men have back to work and several have come to the union and then left.

UNION MEETINGS HELD

703 THIRD AVE. S.
First Meeting Monday in Month
Laundry Section
Second Meeting Monday in Month
Dry Cleaning
Third Meeting Monday in Month
Drivers Section
Fourth Meeting Monday in General Membership

Initiation Fee Only 50c
Help to improve our conditions.
Our Union grows.
In union there is strength.

RUBIN LATZ, Business Agent
703 Third Avenue South

PREAMBLE

The working class whose lives depend on the sale of labor power and whose future depends on the strength of their militant organizations, confront each other on the industrial field combating for the wealth created by those who toil. The drive for profit dominates the bosses' life. Low wages, long hours, the exploitation of women and child labor under the wage system, striving always for a greater share of the wealth created by his labor is the order of the day. 

A militant policy backed by united action must be opposed to the program of the bosses.

The trade unions in the past have failed to fulfill their historic obligation. The mass of the working class has been long throttled by gigantic capitalist expansion. Industrial unions are the order of the day...

It is the natural right of all labor to own and enjoy the wealth created by it. Organized and unorganized, craft and industry has been long throttled by gigantic capitalist expansion. Industrial unions are the order of the day...

Milwaukee Labor Ordinance
Spells Danger for Unions

Fargo Notes

Workers in Fargo last week voted to organize an all inclusive local. Taking recognition of the fact that small craft unions are not effective, unorganized unions, in a town the size of Fargo, the organization will include all workers. The new local counts all workers. At the first meeting, held in the Palm Room of the Fargo Hotel 60 were present. A great number of those present were for the new organization.

Charles Faust was elected president and A. G. latin was chosen executive secretary. The new organization will be known as the Union of All Workers of Fargo. The union there are excellent for the creation of a union that will be the real factor in Fargo labor circles.

In Minot, a new organization of truck drivers has been formed. There are now 30 members, and the organization is affiliated with the Teamsters International. Eight drivers attended the first meeting where application for a charter was made.

A state Farmer Laborer's organization is being formed at present in 1st and 2nd. In some quarters it is believed that this is the more the fact that can pick up the differences in the old league which, of course, will have the support of a number of Fargo people to plan it.

Fargo ORGANIZER subscribes who are not receiving this paper are asked to notify this office promptly in order that the error can be rectified.

It seems that the FORUM can't keep up with the work load.

It may be just a coincidence but in the accident where a truck fell 150 feet, the driver, who was killed, was not a member of the union. The truck after the accident was almost miraculously saved, was a good union man." I wonder...

Postmaster Farley: "The Lib- erals are going to get these bachelors who learn nothing but the rule America. It would squeeze the worker dry in his old age and cast him like an orange into the rubbish pile.

He seems like Edward Blvdue.

CARD OF THANKS

General Manager, Local 574
257 Plymouth Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemens:

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.

The Tealey Family.

The Tealey Family.
A Call to the Left

Any member of the Minneapolis Trade Union movement who blurs his eyes to facts and refuses to come to the realization that here, as elsewhere, exists two separate and distinct groups of the labor movement, each headed in a different direction, is as the ostrich who hides his head in the sand when danger threatens. The directors of these two groups present time, divides the top strata of the A. F. of L. leadership, have not come about by accident. It is not entirely, as it may appear upon the surface, an unpri nctled fight for leadership.

What has brought this struggle to a head is the pressure that has been exerted from below by the millions of workers who are truly in a class by themselves and who, in their class consciousness, have started to organize and to demand the realization of the craft form of union organization. The demand of the masses of workers for a form of union organization that shall mean them more than the present institution. The present institution has been stifled for years by the exponents of craft unionism. The present demand is in the rise of its swelling forces has broken all bounds and has burst into the open. Its force can no longer be hidden or covered up even in controlled A. F. of L. councils.

Every organized worker in the country will feel the effect of this struggle, no matter on which side he falls. More than that, every trade unionist in the country will have to decide, sooner or later, which path he is going to take. He will not be able to be a neutral spectator in this fight, and his organization with the chains of craft union impotency. The workers will be forced to a place where he can win for himself sorely needed economic reforms. It is the road of industrial unionism.

The 15,000,000 Unemployed

Who will organize the 15,000,000 unemployed workers in the United States? The old organizations which have been organized and are being organized and be allowed to drift into the camp of reaction will not become leaders of the masses. Two of two things will take place. Either the unemployed will be made the ally, supporter and friend of the employed worker, or, in the larger sense, they will be used as a weapon to help crush the militant section of the American working class. Craft unions have no real fight to the full strength to be diverted to the enemy? Labor's struggle against exploitation is a battle in which the strongest side will win. The employers have no more use for the strength of their strongest force to the enemy.

The WPA Starvation

To read the history of the state, press and finance opposes labor, whose only strength is organization. On the sidelines stands the vast army of unemployed. Washed out by 70 per cent of the great force are either workers or supporters of the working class. This force of organized workers. But if the organized labor movement does not awake to the fact that it must organize these unemployed workers will not come to the aid of their cause, a fact that is too late, that their ally is in the camp of the enemy.

Labor Looks at the Press

Heard over WDCY: "It will take Pekin 25 years to recover its prestige lost in the recent general strike." Its reputation with whom? As for us we will honor our brothers in Peking if for their revering to their own WPA crew, he has decided to strike, leaving the country in darkness."

Chief Justice Kaye of the Appellate Department of the Northern States Power Co. were almost too much for the Building Laborers Union. The day after one of them had notified that he was really sick, the sick man raised the rank, noticing that this worker who is really sick, to your doctor. "You have better take care of that cold or you won't be fit for a union raise." The reader answered by saying, "If you don't take some of those steps out of my book, I will probably walk myself to death." The Central Labor Union Executive Committee will now be principally composed of Meyer Hazaninger, president of the Petroleum Workers and the Locals on the carpet Wednesday afternoon.

A. C. Nicholls, Yellow driver, holds the record for an in-and-out. A week ago Saturday he took the job of his first withdrawal card. He was out of the union over Sunday. Put in the union over Monday. Came back and was back on the job Monday noon.

SOCIETY NOTE

Art Smith has been returned from Washington, D. C.

Our old friend John Geary has closed his bar of Munn's bathing benches and is back on the corner of Beech Street.

Bob Fleming, St. Paul B., was a visitor Thursday afternoon.

The little difficulty at the WPC

Transportation has been too bad to allow employees to agree paying the union scale of subject to the approval of Harriet for the same extended time in the vacation cycle.

The Armstrong drivers met, 100 per cent, at union headquarters.

At that, maybe they have nothing to hide.

Or maybe just ashamed.

George Mendelhaus, Sterling Carriage chauffeur, was injured on January 14th. He received no compensation from date until the committee on compensation, not fully the 4th of June, when he called the union and gave his name, to the effect that George received his full check. He hopes to be back on the job again.

Don't miss the big Celebration

Wednesday, January 19, 1936