As this hour
You use your power,
The power must fol-
low you.

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HOLD MAY DAY CELEBRATION

WORKERS TO MARCH IN DEMONSTRATION
FRIDAY EVENING
Unions, Unemployed Join Hands to Stage Celebration

Friday evening at 5 o'clock various trade unions, unemployeds, and workers of various clubs and parties will join hands in staggered lines to parade down the May Day parade which will end up with a demonstration and speaking program on the main stage on the parade grounds.

The demonstration will assemble at the new post office building, First St. and Marquette Ave. The parade will start promptly at 5 o'clock. The line of march will be as follows: Minnville Ave to Eleventh St., Eleventh St. to Harmon, Harmon to the Parade Grounds. Four speakers will address the meeting at the Parade Grounds.

Dr. Walter Frahm of the Labor Union will act as chairman. William Bowen, President of Local 584 will speak for the trade unionists. Other speakers who will speak from the Socialist, Communist and Farmer-Labor party have not yet been selected.

Among the organizations sponsoring the May Day parade and demonstration are the following: Furniture Workers Union, Local 1858; Building Laborers Union, Local 396; Northern States Power Employees Union, Local 149; Central Labor Union; Local 584; Minneapolis Building Trades; Laborers Union, Local 190; Twin City Steel Workers, Local 1313; and the Ladies Auxiliary. 

Political parties are represented by the Socialist Party, Farmer-Labor Party and Farmer-Labor Party. Unions not participating in the demonstration are: Federal Workers Union, Local 574 and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Besides these organizations other working class fraternal organizations and groups will be in the line of march. Every working man and woman, and every unemployed man or woman is urged to turn out for the Friday celebration and make this May Day demonstration one that will be long remembered. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Baraboo Union Band.

Showing the peaceful picket line being broken up by police in the Guild strike in Milwaukee. Police charged into the crowd of peaceful demonstrators with flying fists and clubs. Many were injured.

Police Charge Picket Line in Milwaukee News Guild Strike

Friday night, April 17, the striking Milwaukee Guild workers and their friends and sympathizers were treated to a bit of typical American police terror, that has been so freely used against striking workers everywhere in the United States during the past few years. Depending upon what they considered their right to peaceful picketing, strike news and editorial writers of the Haunted-owned Wisconsin News, along with friends and sympathizers of the Milwaukee organized labor movement gathered before the News building to protest against Hearst's unbridling opposition to the right of collective bargaining for his workers.

One moment saw a crowd of peaceful men and women, carrying banners, singing songs and shouting protest against facetious-minded Hearst; and the next moment saw the street turned into a blood baptism as police and de- tective charged into the unresisting line swinging black-jack clubs, fists and feet.

No one was seriously hurt. It seemed that half of the Milwaukie force was on hand with a premediated and well-planned line of attack all ready decided, and there on that peaceful Milwaukee street, was re-enacted a scene that has become commonplace in recent history of American labor struggles. Black-jack clubs and clubs were swung indiscriminately on men, women and children. Even bystanders, who were not involved were clubbed, kicked and beaten.

After many arrests were made the picket line was dispersed. The police brutality that was displayed on this occasion physically frightened even hardened news men who had witnessed such scenes before.

The attack by the police on the picket line Friday night has not discouraged those Guild strikers in the least. They intend to continue to assert their rights to picket the Wisconsin News plant.

A new call has been sent out for a mass picket line this week.

Cokothe Meeting

The Cokothe section of Local 324 will hold a district meeting in Waverly Friday, May 1. All workers from the surrounding territory are invited. 574 speakers will be on hand.

Make Minneapolis a Town Union
DENTAL CARE IS REFUSED BY RELIEF BOARD

Welfare Board Allows Many to Become a Prey for Scavengers

Hundreds of Relief Clients Suffer Because of Board Policy

One of the most shameful chapters in the history of local relief administration should be written about the dental care that is available to the unfortunate victims of this social evil who find themselves compelled to exist upon the dole furnished by the local Welfare Board. Without number various organizations of relief clients have been assembled in their program of reforms, demanded of the Welfare Board, that adequate dental care be accorded those who live on the relief lines.

The true story of the "dental care" that has been given relief clients has never been told. Quite to the point, that doctors and dentists have indicated that it is impossible for a human being to remain in a healthy condition without the necessary items of food, the Welfare Board and the local relief administration do not share these views.

The usual procedure of a relief client is to seek a "little free dentistry" and dental trouble is about as follows. After months of hunger and suffering, which left the unfortunates anxious and teeth from tongue to gum and dreary and defeat in the welfare office the relief client is told that he may have his teeth pulled at the Dental Hospital.

Nowadays those who are about to lose their teeth are anxious that the necessary items of preserving their health are replaced as soon as possible. The relief department always indicates that there will be no trouble about securing a set of teeth. But once the teeth have been pulled the relief client must make up against a stone wall that has been erected by the Welfare Board.

The relief department tells the unfortunate client that they must have "secure plates" if they are willing to pay $3 per plate, and for those who prove to be an effective barrier, to have their plates made. True, those who have had extraction made. In one relief district alone it has been established, beyond reasonable doubt, that over 300 people who have had their teeth extracted, over a five year period, are still not provided with means of chewing their food.

The action taken by the Welfare Board, in dentists, has not come about by accident. It is a deliberate policy on the part of the reactionary poverty oppressors who are known as the board of health.

Medical testimony indicates that contains diseases result from a diet that is not made up with vitamin containing food is impossible. The conditions of medical opinion that it is impossible for a human being to lead a normal life is not under such conditions.

An effort to meet the present condition of relief clients is a hopeless effort to chew food, is mercifully put out of existence by society. But there is an obvious effort and willing to allow humans to stand upon the feet of poverty from that same cause. It is high time that the Welfare Board begin to express the brutal and heartless policy of the Welfare Board in regard to the relief clients. But only the convinced, determined, and informed of all relief clients can accomplish that end.

Bills Began to Fail

According to the number of men that are joining the union and according to the reports that are coming from the activity in the streets of the labor and freight union, it won't be long until the labor and freight union takes the forefront of the industry that dominates. Belong to Local 574. All the bills that we have had in the past have been only a fraction of what they have been when we did before the coal strike and during the time when we were facing our ability to fight through the struggles with our union in order to get the work for which we are contracted and not to be subjected to any violence or threats.

May Day Speaker

Poletown Union Takes Strike Vote

The Petrolown Workers Union, Local 1900, an organization of striking station attendants, oil workers, and other workers in the infant stage of growth with the large oil companies, the outcome of which is affecting the future of their union. As was expected of the Petrolown Workers Union at the time the oil was signed that any contract between a union and striking station attendants and the major companies did not contain a clause prohibiting strikes for the purpose of securing better wages or working conditions. The experience of the filling station workers has only amply borne out this prediction. The large oil companies in Minnesota, St. Paul, and metropolitan area have now turned to wholesale station workers in an effort to defeat and destroy the Poletown Workers Union, very properly, has taken recognition of the situation and in accordance with this rationale clause must be inserted in their union contracts before writing contracts.

The organization has served notice upon the oil companies that stopping of stations must stop. They have demanded an answer from the oil companies on this question by April 30. The union considers that this matter is so vital to the union and the industry that it must be settled without delay.

The Executive Board of Local 1900 has stated that it is prepared to strike the oil companies unless those who demand on the matter of station closing, the Poletown Workers Union, very properly, is clear-cut. If the companies fail to give the right to loose stations, Poletown Workers Union seems to us out of existence.

A union can only be built in the petroleum industry when the workers in that industry are supported by the General Motors Workers Union. Without a union the petroleum workers are helpless before the onslaughts of the employers. The determined stand taken by the Poletown Workers Union is correct. The centers of oil industry must be prepared to fight. Therein lies the victory.

Open Meetings Are Held by Local 183

The first open general membership meeting for May will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 4 p.m. There are a number of important and S. Important reports are to come from the floor. Several Executive Committees receive reports and a new Organization Committee will be formed. It is an opportunity for delinquent members and all inside workers and friends, whether members or not, are urged to attend the meeting of May 6. Joint LOCAL CLEANERS, Graphic Press & LAUNDRY WORKERS UNION, 13995-193

Wednesday, April 29, 1936

Welfare Board Member Makes Charges Against Drivers Union

Kittenball Meeting Monday Evening

May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Hotel, will be held a meeting for all members of the union who are interested in making a show of support for the executive that will be formed in a union sports league. The meeting will be addressed by William Fox, sports reporter of the park board. Fleet Fox explains that the league will operate, and some of the games will be played, and will give other valuable information about the functioning of the league. The meeting will start promptly at 8 p.m.

574 Band Plans to Hold Sat. Dances

Members of the 574 band, who have been organizing their organization since they organized, are planning on holding a regular series of Saturday night dances during the spring months. Wherever the band plays in public they have made an excellent impression and are desiring to organize a band organization which will be a credit to the cement block . The band will play at the union meeting which will be held in Local 574's office in May at 8 p.m. cement block.

Cement Workers to Meet Monday Night

Tuesday, May 5, will be an organization meeting for all workers in the cement block and concrete business in Minneapolis. The new union may have a large active record in the labor movement. He formally was an organizer of automobile, furniture and house workers. He is county chairman of the Progressive Farmer-Labor Federation and secretary of the Kenosha Social Pact.

Yellow Notes

From the evidence exhibited in the form of a picture, it appears that "Big Emil" has gone "bashing" again.

When the next issue is out there will be a complete fleet of new Yellow cabs on the street.

Did you know there are several boys leaving now for vacation or what have you?

Bill Sanders is practicing on his cornet now. It's pretty slow work for him. He is still in the Elgin hospital and wishes all the boys to come and see him.

Did you know the "Mayer" is back on the job again?

Kirkham looks very much refreshed for his return from his short "vacation."

Hagstrom's misplaced "pout" received a lot of mental anguish in trying to figure out how the majority of the innumerable and the advocates of the standard of living and better working conditions. He has a sure way to win the respect of the masses, which he has done. He was told to return to his work. He is the best man to organize the cement block workers, and to take care of the cement block factories.

You know "the twins," they will "bashing" the cement block factories at these certain few and that they will mend their ways.

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Local 160 Schedule

Wednesday, April 29—Stewards and open organization meeting.

Thursday, April 30—Executive meeting.

Local 574 Schedule

Wednesday, May 6—Regular meeting.

Thursday, May 7—Executive meeting.

Local 1900 Schedule

Wednesday, May 14—Executive Board meeting.

Thursday, May 15—Regular membership meeting.

Wednesday, May 21—Regular meeting.

Thursday, May 22—Stewards and open organization meeting.

Tuesday, May 28—Executive Board meeting.

Wednesday, May 29—Regular meeting.

Wednesday, June 5—Regular meeting.
Wednesday, April 29, 1954

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Cement Block Workers Sign Union Agreement With Bosses

Wednesday, April 22, saw the signing of a union agreement between 3,000 cement block workers and a section of the Columbia black industry and Local 574. This marks the end of a bitter struggle by several hundred workers in Minneapolis who up until now have been unable to secure recognition of the union. In the past, because of the management's countermove by using scab labor, the workers have been unable to achieve recognition of their union. Conditions of employment in cement block factories have been deplorable, the wages paid were low for the work being done, and the hours were unlimited. The workers have been forced to work on the job without sufficient breaks. Even though the hours have been reduced and work hours improved, working conditions remain the same.

The agreement between the craftsmen and the employers is the result of negotiations conducted by the local union. The agreement calls for the following terms:

1. Recognition of the local union as the bargaining agent for all skilled workers in the industry.
2. Minimum wage rates for all workers, with increases to be negotiated in future.
3. Overtime pay for all workers.
4. Hours of work limited to 40 per week.
5. Sick leave and vacation pay.
6. Retirement plan.

The agreement is a victory for the workers and a step forward in the movement for improved working conditions in the cement block industry.

Baseball Team Will Play Practice Game

The first practice season of Local 574 baseball team was held Monday afternoon at the Mound Grounds. Over 25 players appeared on hand when practice got under way, with many more expected to appear. Among those present were the team's brightest stars, a pitcher, and a shortstop.

Manager Fred Nelson is busy trying to organize the team. Over 50 players have been out on practice, and the team is working hard to achieve success in the upcoming season. The next practice will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday at the Mound Grounds. The team will play a game in the afternoon.

The following holidays: New Years Day; Decoration Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day shall be paid for the time the player is away from the works. Under the new provision for time and one-half shall be paid for all time that the employees are engaged in employment at pay rates of production machinery; in work required in the maintenance of the production machinery.

ARTICLE VI

All other things being equal, no employee shall be employed on any work that the employer chooses to do on his own account.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the 22nd day of April, 1956.

Cement Block EMPLOYERS

By:

G. E. Erickson, Manager

Henry Friedheim

By:

E. P. Hodge, President

General drivers, helpers and inside workers local 574.

By:

Oscar W. Berg

ACME STONE COMPANY

By:

W. H. Brown, President

CROWN SIDEWALK & BLOCK COMPANY

By:

P. W. Riddle, Secretary

G. S. SAND & GRAVEL

By:

Glacier Sand & Gravel Products Co.

Oscar Roberts

By:

Oscar Roberts

CONRAD STEMLAND

By:

Conrad Stemland

E. J. SWANSON

By:

E. J. Swanson

Mankato Workers

Mankato Workers Are Denied Relief

The 15 WPA workers by local relief authorities have been granted relief by the 15 men, all active members of Local 741 of Mankato, were discharged from WPA work and had their benefits terminated.

The discharged workers were among those who had been working for the Mankato Power Company. They were discharged because of their union activities.

The discharged workers have appealed to a higher court to overturn the decision. The case is now pending before the courts.

The M. & St. L. Situation

It is high time that some definite steps be taken to protect the workers' interests in the Mankato Power Company. A strike is threatening.

The latest developments in the situation are as follows:

1. That a local committee be established by active members of the union on the M. & St. L. to get the facts and to do the work. (This is done on this question.

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4. As all railroad workers are interested in the situation, it is hoped that they can all be involved and to urge them to assist in the union meetings in order that the greatest possible support may be secured for their minimum demands.

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Local 160 Must Fight to Survive

The Northern States Power Company, with headquarters in the city, is the organization development. No other union has made as much progress in the history of the trade union movement in the area. The Northern States Power Company is not resolved to give up its workers and has been fighting hard to organize them. It has been reported that Local 160 has the right to go to court to seek an injunction or set aside the elections.

The following steps should be taken by the workers to counteract the efforts of the company:

1. To form a joint committee with the workers who have already been organized by the Northern States Power Company organization.

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Shop Committee at Gamble-Robinson

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Keepin Step With 574
By Mickey Dunne

The LaBelle drivers met in the union hall Tuesday night and voted 8 to 2 to put in a check-off sys-
Bodie, age three, son of Charles Bodie, 807
meat in the LaBelle Company.
Fourth Ave. N. died Friday
Rodríguez Bider is a long time member
evening. He was a native of the hand-
Local 574. The union ex-
reared parents.

Railroad Railroad

In last week's anniversary edition of the Northwest Organizer an editorial was carried on the back page giv-
considered work and taking of other things, the various organizations and the making to up make the Organizer's subscription list.
To the very best of the organizers of Minne-

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Due to General Manager of Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council's understanding that such organizational activities will be conducted in such a manner as will bring the most good to the greatest number of workers, we will support an organization that excludes uninvited workers in Minneapolis is not working in the best interest of labor and the driving in-

To satisfy the whim of some international bureaucrats, highly paid members of the International Union, by attempting to engage in a campaign of intimid-
inference and intelligence, on the track of drivers who have never joined a union? No, not all, they are given to consider to loyal members of 574 who in some cases were union men long before these imported scabs knew the meaning of the word.

Strange to say, the police department instead of be-

The C. I. O.

From information that has reached the editorial of-
crime to anarchy. We are fully competent to look after our own affairs and understand the interests of our mem-

As to the individual members of the personnel of the committee, the Organizer holds no brief for any

The long black workers were delighted with their new agreement.

On the evening of the Board meeting Miss Katherine Hunt of the Executive Board reported on the progress of the Strike. She reported that the strike had been called off for lack of sufficient funds.

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