GENERAL DRIVERS UNION 544

Local Labor Unity

Local Union Gets Victory After Strike

Local 189 Ends Strike at Pfaffer-Hubbard Company

Workers Secure Splendid Union Contract for Members

One of the most significant victories achieved by the Minneapolis Labor Movement during the last decade, was the ending of the strike Friday, July 23, of the employees of the Pfaffer-Hubbard Company.

Organized in Furniture Workers Local Union 1899, these workers, after a period of about three months of attempts to negotiate with the employer, brought the strike to a close justly and by common consent.

When it appeared that the negotiations had definitely broken off, the workers went on strike. They were promptly locked out by the Pfaffer-Hubbard Company. The strike resolved itself into a contest of endurance between the union and the employer.

Eviction Prevented for John Bergnahan

Fifty F. W. S. members and a companion went on a two-weeks' stay of removal for the Bergnahan family in the field of their present residence. The demonstration protected District Judge Slover's ruling that even though the family of Bergnahan has been in Hopkins for three years, with wife and small children, they could remain all the time, because relief was received before a full year's residence, the family could be forcibly moved back into its previous residence.

Milk Drivers Signs Pact

With Engle Dairy Co. Saturday

The Engle Dairy Company, notorious anti-union, open-shop dairy company, has at last signed an agreement with Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 471, and has now joined the ranks of other Twin City dairies operating under a union agreement. Bringing this company into the fold is one of the first accomplishments of the unification of the Minneapolis Driving crafts. Despite the fact that Milk Wagon Drivers Union has for years tried to bring the Engle Company into line, it remained for a joint program worked out by General Drivers Union, formerly 574, Dairy Employees Union and the Teamsters Joint Council to effect the unionization of this company. Wednesday, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and its affiliated locals staged a one-day strike upon the Engle Dairy Company. So effective was the strike strategy and so efficiently was the picketing carried out that, Wednesday noon the employer, realizing the hopelessness of the alliance, agreed in writing to operate henceforth under union conditions.

So there was an "open shop." Although some of the employees were in the Union at the time of the strike, a few of them had been filled with Citizens Alliance propaganda as to resist unionism. Attempts of Dairy Employees Union to nominate their place of employment. Milk Wagon Drivers Union was to be congratulated for bringing this formerly non-union company into line.

Southern Negroes To Be Organized

Cleveland—A committee of 18 has been appointed by the Cleveland Federation of Labor to organize Negroes into trade unions. Workers in a dozen unions praised their Negro members and urged unions with color bars to remove them. "If you don't organize the Negro workers, you can't blame them for seeking on the job," counseled Max Hayez, editor of The Cleveland Citizen, official paper of the Federation.

High School Boys Take Strikebreaking

Santa Ana, Calif.—"Shoot to kill" were the orders given deputy sheriffs and vigilantes as Mexican and Filipino orange pickers in Santa Ana went out on strike for decent wages. High school children have been imported to act as strikebreakers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Initiation Fee to Advance

To $15.00 on August 15th

The initiation fee in General Drivers Union, Local 544, will be raised, August 15, to $15. It is important that every member of the Union have this information in order that he may carry it to his fellow workers whom he knows are members of the General Drivers Union. During the next 15 days there will still be an opportunity for membership in General Drivers Union for the old fee of $3.

On and after August 15 new members will be received only upon payment of the $15 initiation fee. A further raise is contemplated after a 30 day period ending August 15. The reinstatement of specially called members accordingly. Attention of non-union drivers is called to the fact that the next two weeks will be the last opportunity to enter Local 544 at the old rate.
Government Agents Threaten
Union Workers on Projects

Federal Ticks Tell Union Members to Cease All Activity

Something that smacks very strongly of fascist repression of workers' rights happened in Wright County last week. At a WPA project at Howard Lake, which is located in the eastern end of the county, nearly 100 unemployed workers were visited by the local Federal Ticks officers. They were seized with the implication that carrying out the future programs of General Labor Unions has a heavy burden placed upon their shoulders. Now how they acquit themselves is a matter that only the future will decide. Great tasks are before them. Many things remain to be accomplished. Action, resistance and militancy must be their watch word.

Stewards Hold a Banner Meeting

Last Friday's meeting of the General Drivers job stewards was held at the Chamber of Commerce building, attended by that group. Over 75 stewards were in the hall when the meeting started.

The new officers of General Drivers job stewards were elected last week in attendance and the new organizational plan for the steward's. The new organizational drive, which is set in place to effect a 100 per cent Union organization of Minnesota drivers, was conducted officially by the members.

Platoon is Forming

Platoon is forming a Twin City Joint Council of the driving crafts which would coordinate the organizational work in the Twin Cities. Several of the stewards spoke on the new organizational setup and endorsed the plan for a joint council.

By motion, the meeting went on record to raise the Union initiation fee from $3 to $15. They proposed this raise take effect August 15. The motion was seconded, and placed in the file of the committee for investigatio

C.I.O. Will Not Stand a Trial

Washington — The Committee of the Cincinnati CIO newspaper, which is the Nation Labor Action of Labor August 3 to stand trial for being "disobedience."

That was the ruling of the President, N. W. Green, of the A. F. of L. who was present in the post office and approved the committee's decision to hold the trial.

A program of events and entertainments, which have been promised by the picket committee, those who are in charge of collecting funds for the booklets efforts that they have with unqualified success.

About two thousand copies of the program will be printed. They are available for free.

The Labor Newsprint

It is 1864, unionists from 12 states and the District of Columbia are banded in Baltimore and organize the National Labor Union. They will meet at the subscription to the labor movement is the first prerequisite for any worker to form an opinion pro or con, on the issues involved.

By the very nature of early American economic life, the first labor unions were organized on craft lines. There was no precedent of a skilled labor. Young men, when they first went to work, were apprenticed to a master, a carpenter, a printer or a baker. For the journeyman or the skilled worker was skilled. He was not until the industrial development during and following the Civil War that mass production brought unskilled labor into being as a mass outside of the American labor movement.

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In this development, there were several notable events:

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2. The Knights of Labor. The Knights of Labor was organized in 1869, little more than a congress for coordinated agitation and exchange of views. Principally, it gave national cohesion in the campaign to be adopted in the day. Finally, it gave more attention to legislation and political action rather than to trade union action.

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In the early 1890's there were 300,000 union members in these centers, with 12,000 or so in New York and Brooklyn.

National Organization Lasted Four Years

In September 1864, a labor leader of carpenters and printers, the general union of New York was organized, followed by others in New York and Philadelphia. This was the National Labor Union. The subsequent growth of union membership was swift. By the spring of 1865, the National Labor Union was 13,000 members.

The National Labor Unions. After this panic, it is noted in labor circles was placed upon education. Gradually they increased, and the panic of 1865 brought about the National Labor Unions.

The Civil war industrial devastation had no as its corollary the revival of the labor movement. The labor movement its next major opportunity at the meeting.

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This increased the pure trade element of the Knights, top-heavy with political reform. In 1869 the labor union and university were integrated around 1870.

The Knights of Labor. With emphasis on the craft unions, instead of political activity, their leaders in the Knights of Labor continued their efforts, counted on hard times in the industrial world. The panic of 1873 forced many unions into complete permanent union and the existence. Secret labor societies, a development of the antitrust laws, were organized, and at the antitrust laws, were organized.

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Bill Brown Says—

When our local voted to unite the movement, the members again demonstrated their loyalty to the movement. Our policy will be changed. We will still proceed in the same way the present labor union comprises the cooperation of union and non-union and in making war and in making peace with the employers. The members of the organization determined to accomplish the same. The General Labor Union is the organization and the members are the control of the government. It is in this state that complete organization. Only such trade Unions enjoy. The group of hard workers is the group of those who are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the future programs of General Labor Unions. Their policy has been heavy burden placed upon their shoulders.

Bill Brown President of FLA
Monday Meeting
Hears F. Dobbs
Tell of Plans
Picnic Committee Urges All Members to Go to Affair
The Monday night membership meeting was held last night. For the first time, the officers of General Drivers Union. When the meeting was opened President of Local 544, introduced L. C. Dunn, who is the new General drivers' new officer, and also presented Bruce Vincent, Organizer of the Transportation Committee, who was present in the hall. The new members of the local were greeted with a solid round of applause from the membership.

Parrell Dobbs made a report on the new organizational campaign that has been planned by the Executive Board of the Union. He stated that the union organizers were busy engrossing on the streets every day, and that Mr. Dobbs said that the staff had been divided into sections, some work another section. The new agreements, the balance were engaged in the efforts of the Board, were reported on the sand and gravel agreement and shift work. He also said that all the companies were signed with the union, except the Minnesota Sand and Gravel and the Century Sand.

On the completion of the job stawards and the Executive Board have already approved the fixing the initiation fee from $3 to $3. This will take effect on Aug. 12.

Walter Hagstrom said that the first day of the five week paid employees plan for the Aug. 9 was being prepared to attend. He stated the Yellow Cab foreman had been informed that only those who were without auto transportation were to attend. They were then told that all others would be included under the new plan.

Yellow Notes

The editor of this column is "on the job again after a much needed vacation."

Our committee members Harold is having a trying time these days with their day job and working on the picnic schedule. Maybe if he was a little better, he might be able to fulfill the "super" weight.

The Yellow Cab hall team won a decisive victory Sunday afternoon over C.C.M. No. 787 hall with a score of 17 to 2.

The "Twins," with their bodyguards, Nick and Bingham, are back in the city again. Wonder if they will join the "Twins"? (K)

Starter McKean reports he recently made a visit to Crowell and that they have had all the cases that had has caused quite a serious shake in Crowell's recovery. We all hope it gets cool soon so he can get started on the road to recovery.

The "Big Boss" Masters is laid up temporarily with an attack of bronchitis.

The "Shadow" of Duske, the shop foreman, is again moving about after his after his attack of quinsy.

It is surprising that there are still some drivers who cannot see that they have a legitimate job being organized. It is not too bad we haven't heard any reports of the old working conditions in force where we could send these few.

Crest, absurd and MOTH-EATEN, POOR LAW reformers, the generation still create relief cliques in the present and the enduring men, continuing their own interests and denial of their own interests of citizenship. Without the membership, without the leadership, the Board of relief relief clients are getting their money's worth as never before simply explains rapid growth of Federal Workers Section.

An enthusiastic meeting was held on Project 93 last Tuesday night. Most of the boys there are wearing Federal Workers buttons now.

"Butte Line" administrators pulled off a fast one on our Organization Committee last Thursday night. They rerouted the buses to the Black Lake and shipped the non-pay tram by non-tram at the dead cost from where our next one was inherited. Pity! L.A. 220 TRAM WORKER, P.T.R.R., according to the testimony is helping rather than hindering organization of the workers. By the way, where are the Independent Truckers and their promised combination?

A good fight against W.A. DISCRIMINATION in transferring workmen, Jack Norek and Albert Pratt, from Project 250 would show up the duplicity of W.A. administration from last foreman up to President of Federal, both of them preventing workers from organizing.

The Robbinedale boys are going to get better together. Monday Tuesday became a real get-together when they saw the fight. Their committees attended the stawards meeting a last meeting in a busy Wednesday. Much credit is due them for their splendid support in the Barnum demonstration at Hipkins.

When all the stewards get their in Robbinedale we'll be much stronger. We hit them hard and make any attempt on the part of the J. E. R. to affect any portion of the Prosser Plan. They stated that they still stand behind the effort of the Shop Foreman. By law in the event the company at any time changes the agreed upon contract of charge the three workers at Robbinedale. The Union stated that the actions of the company by a move to substitute the Prosser open shop deal for the Union contract that is held by Local 1509.

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Labor Board Says
Stop to Mine Co.

Washington—Correction of its employees and interference with the Mine Workers International Union by the Albert Thomas Mining Company was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board. Two men who had been ordered to return to work by pay and nearby 109 men who had been placed in their former positions or offered new employment when labor is needed.

Keeping tabs on the shots: The following Minnesota have been reported the semi-Procession: C.R. Cushing - Arlin - Daniel Mitchell Co., J. T. Nash, and J. W. Fiddell all of General Mills, $5,976.28; L. E. Walk- er, of The Synthetic Table Bank, $2,560; F. B. Fawley, of F. H. Fawley & Co., $5,000.

Nelson Welding Co.
A Specialty of Truck Body Building, 2520 Nield Ave., Moving from success to success for the last 3 years.

Three Officers of Local 1589
Threatened Under 'Prosser Plan'

The officers of the infamous "Prosser plan" are beginning to see from the attacks of the industrial plants in Minneapolis. The so-called Prosser Plan is an out and out idea of the Citizens Alliance to attempt to substitute for the Federal Workers Union organization of the workers.

A few years ago the open shop committee members paid for their ·prosser charge which purported to be a document near. they have been declared invalid in non-union plants under the laws of employment prevailing in non-union plants and are rendered invalid by a judgment of the courts that rates of pay and setting forth conditions of employment. Listed also in small type on the open shop ten commandments were "reasons for striking.

At the George R. Clark Co., furniture manufacturers, such a notice was posted last fall. Subsequently the workers there declared their opposition to the interviewer and formed a real union organization which was accepted under a formal agreement with the company. Last week, however, three officers of the Federal Workers Union at the Clark Co., were served with a document under the Vanishing Notice.

This notice was typewritten on a printed form which had its origin in the Citizens Alliance, and then given to the company for the threatened discharge of the following workers on the outside activities during working hours and your consequent inability to perform your duties prescribed for the Clark Co.

This typewritten warning is in effect the first discharge notice given for discharge under the Prosser Plan. It should be noted that it is a significant fact that the three workers receiving discharge warning were the most active union workers in the plant. They are John Janacse, President Local 1509, Max Bestley, is Secretary, and Fred Bied- riga, office manager.

Members of Furniture Workers Union, Local 1589, have indicated that they will make every attempt on the part of the J. E. R. to affect any portion of the Prosser Plan. They stated that they will stand behind the effort of the Shop Foreman. By law in the event the company at any time changes the agreed upon contract of charge the three workers at Robbinedale. The Union stated that the actions of the company by a move to substitute the Prosser open shop deal for the Union contract that is held by Local 1509.

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Furniture Union Writes a Letter

FURNITURE WORKERS' LOCAL 1589
2422 Washington St. N. E.
Minneapolis, Minn.
July 19, 1936
General Drivers U. 0.
174
257 Plymouth Ave. N.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

Greetings: We wish to extend your hearty best to your local union upon its entry into the A. F. L. through the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers. We look upon this move by your local union and also by your International as a progressive move to further the unity of the labor movement of Minneapolis and the starting of a bigger and better local union.

We congratulate you and your local union upon the strenuous fight it has put upon all opposition to the A. F. L. and upon all opposition to every one, upon your victory over this opposition which has been brought about by your courage to lay your progressive program and courage to stand against all odds. Even when failure seemed to knock at the door, victory came because of your progressive program and courage to stand against all odds.

We are sure that to progressive unions will look upon this move with great pleasure and see it as a new road for organized labor in the city and the state. We are sure that all progressive unions will again be very happy to be able to have your local sit at their tables with your various councils.

We are sure that your local unions un-bonding a union and better union, we remain, Fraternally yours,

FURNITURE WORKERS' LOCAL 1589
June 30, 1936

We want the boys to know that we have nothing against Ole Wil- liamson, we just think it was a certain things said about him.

Summarize the Organizers. He doesn't like certain things and he have appeared in the Organizers what he does know. Does it do the truth?

We noticed quite a few of form. Local 500 men up to the spe- cial meeting now that the hatchet is buried, we welcome them.

W. M. FOSTER
William T. Foster, econom- ist, will be the second speak- er at the Minneapolis Public Forum. Selection of Mr. Foster, made by Super-intendent of Schools, Carroll R. Reif, was the choice of the Forum speakers from Sept. 1st to October 15.

Milk Wagon Drivers
Sign Reilly Car

The Milk Wagon Drivers and MilkMen will be on strike another victory Saturday morning when, with the help of General Drivers Union, I. U. G. C., was signed to an agreement the Reilly Car Company of Minneapolis, Minn., which had received all the attempts of the Milk Driv- ers Union to organize, were glad to sign a Union contract with Lo- cal 471 two hours after their plant and been struck Saturday morn- ing. Although this company has only four routes in Minneapolis, where they were traditionally known for operating open shop, non-union conditions. The victory of the Dairy Em- ployee Union over the Reilly Co.,.means few fewer non-union com- pany employees will be able to be organized.

Local 544

Mailbag Schedule
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Keeping Step With 574
By Mickey Dunne

That creamery affair at New Brighton Saturday morning looks as though it only took a couple of hours. It looked as though a small army had broken into a creamery, but St. Paul Wednesday afternoon. But it was only a committee from the independent Association Section, headed by Miles Dennis, who were looking over the place in monthly hours.

The editor was at Crew in New Haven. He came out of a beautiful place and what we mean, fat. Ask to see the new "rolling cake" that are being handed out by the Union organizers. They carry a message for all members of the union.

Smith and Corcoran flew to Indianapolis Saturday. The WPA "investigator" that visited the Howard Lake project sounded like a couple of Hitter's janitors.

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