FOOD STRIKERS RETURN TO WAREHOUSES WEDNESDAY

The Helping Hand

Grocery Strike Ends as Workers Return to Work With Union Recognized
Six Weeks Struggle Terminates When Bosses Agree to Grant Demands
Workers Win Wages, Seniority and the Right to Be Represented by Unions

The strike of the wholesale grocery drivers, helpers and warehousemen, which has been carried on since August 20, came to an end Wednesday, October 7.

Characterized by the most militant and determined picketing that has been seen in Minneapolis since the 1934 General Drivers strike, the battle between the bosses and the employees of grocery warehouses was one that was fought to stabilize the rights and working conditions of the workers in the industry, and to bargain collectively through an organization of their choosing.

The strike ended with an almost 100% victory for General Drivers Union. All employees are returned to work without discrimination, union contracts have been established in all plants and wage rates asked by the Union were granted for the first time. Those members of the Union who walked out will be referred to a Board of Arbitration with every assurance that the workers involved will come out of the struggle with substantial increases in pay.

Madden Bros. Strike Is Over

Last week saw the ending of the two-week-old strike of the Madden Brothers Transportation Co. drivers, engaged in transporting automobiles from the lake ports to the city. The drivers refused to recognize that their employers were members of Local No. 544.

Over a three-months period the firm had consistently refused to enter into an agreement with the General Drivers Union in spite of the fact that all of their employees were members of that organization.

Wednesday, September 30, the Madden firm signed a contract with Drivers Union providing substantial increases in wages and many reforms in working conditions.

Sanitary Drivers Get a Short-Week

Last week saw the achievement of a real victory by the City and Sanitary Drivers Union. The resolution of the City Council there was announced last Monday, a 40-hour week. The passing of this resolution ended a long struggle of the drivers and sanitary workers to achieve this in their working conditions. The establishment of the short work week for employees in the garbage department brings their wages and working conditions to a peak for drivers in this part of the country.
COAL DRIVERS HOLD MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

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Union officials are reported to have offered a chance of heart and were now probably agreeable to entering into an agreement.

Reports of representatives from various coal companies indicated that an organization was at a low ebb in south Kansas. Longshoremen spoke on the necessity for complete unification in the coal field as a necessary prerequisite to securing a Union agreement.

A motion was made and seconded that a ten-day deadline be given the coal employers to sign the contract. This motion was carried.

A motion was made and passed that Union officials meet with representatives of the coal employers and report back to the next meeting on the progress of the strike which will be held Monday, October 19.

Yellow Notes

Miss thrilled to go on the union strike. To his surprise, he was told that he had not violated the strike

Larry Brown is recuperating at his home. He expects to be back on the job in a few days.

Bill Sanders is at home now, according to latest reports. He is hobbling about with a brace on his leg. Although he isn't quite able to take part in a prize walk, as yet, he is determined as well as he can be expected in getting around.

Harry Gerrett suffered a heart attack in the middle of the street, early this morning. He is recuperating at his home.

The action of the members in the numbing cold and the(Continued on page 3)

The Big Chief" Claimant took a very much needed vacation last week. Buceo Miller made a valient attempt to take his place.

"Red" Woolf is taking his tryout on the switchboard very seriously. If he is getting tired of driving.

It isn't hard to pick the members who are doing a real good job in our organization. Meeting after meeting members are in attendance. Let's see a little more interest from those who have to the work.

LOCAL 66 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 13 — Executive Board meeting and Stewards meet.

October 7 — General Membership meeting.

October 13 — Executive Board meeting.

October 20 — Executive Board and Stewards meet.

October 27 — General Membership meeting.

October 31 — Executive Board meeting.

IN THE END ZONE

STALE HUNT

When the bit field picked the lowdown powerhouse over Northwest, the Northwest strikers took the fight for a picking. We were one of the many bit field operations that had to play the wildcats. Way back on June 24 of this year, we picked Northwest as a tough one. We still think the Wildcatters will give us a tough battle this year.

TOMORROW:

In last week's issue we made a point in stating that the Nebraska Hubbers played our Gophers on October 2. We sure no one was fooled. We all know it's to-morrow, the 10th. And if you think that those Hubbers are going to be a pushover don't bet too much on that. Nebraska demanded enough attention to rule out the presence of Bertie Vroman at their triumph over Iowa State. Bernie doesn't seem worried but he has the bit field in the out of the way.

BAD BREAKS

Last week we picked Roosevelt overspent the money. The Tedds had to win and they did. And they did that little margin. They put their touchdown over.. . and made it a penalty.

They also had a bad break they lost the game by a two point margin. Roosevelt will have to pick up the last grains of sand from the grains of their employees before they lose. All efforts of Union representatives were unsavory. The Employers stubbornly refused to give Local No. 544 to recognize their employees.

After a long and persistent effort to secure an agreement with the local and any hospital developed. The strike was finally called. From the outset it was apparent that the employers had determined upon a lockout policy and had made up their minds to starve the workers in the grocery industry into submission.

The progress of the strike saw every device ever used by any corporation used to play the grocery houses. The red, white and blue sign, the "exclusive dealers,

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PICKING

This series presents two easy ways to win a bet. The two numbers South and South are prohibitive favorites in this New England and South respectively. Central and North are a tough bet to make. North Central on the North field.

WHY

South will have what amounts to a bump over Roosevelt. This South team has loads of class and power. West should put the huracites, having a short decision. The Central team is by far the strongest, putting the pressure of the field. In this case, the numbers in the middle two months period.

Many new members were added to the white goods section during the fight.

Too much credit cannot be given the magnificent solidarity of the striking grocery workers which contributed a large measure to their victory.

We can be certain that the near future will see a 100 percent organization in the wholesale grocery industry.

Acknowledging with grateful appreciation the untiring efforts of the members of the WMJ, J. H. Onderdonk, and MRS. JOHN KINDER, and staff.

BOWLING NOTE

September 13, the Northwest bowlers were carried on by the readers to get all the readers to demand the formation of the Local 66 from the meter reader.

Each week brings in additional steam. Here is an opportunity to show that the electricians are more than one.

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Local 160 N. S. P. Settles With Boss

A main grievance of the em- ployees of the Northern States Power Co. is finally well on the way toward solution. This come- mence was made possible after long negotiations were resumed and at the present time the employee and management have been fairly well out- lined. The understanding covering the one list on seniority for each depart- ment and also the future seniority list for each department should be available. A number of other matters have also been gradually disposed of. The three truck drivers of the Un- erved Department have now been restored their former monthly- ly wage of $125 per month. The Union has succeeded in getting the regular time for the over time where management has failed to pay. The number of 35- hour week men has now been reduced to one or two. A larger number of the ground Department was corrected and the men put back to work. The management does not consider it necessary, but point by point Local 160 members are overcoming the complaint and dissatisfaction for the members.

At the regular membership meeting of October 7 reports are being received from the different branches. The drive forward, when the present of agreement of the pasty expires, will be gone into. In the meantime the local has qualified with all developments during the next few months and the record of the meeting will be a way of getting the full facts. Each member must become wise as before and must, more than ever, work on the same line.

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The Union, a specially called meeting of the members on the fol- lowing day, accepted the proposal as a written and as a final settlement of the strike. Gover- nor Peterson and Federal Con- ciliation Myron then made the settlement. The Union does not feel that this is a sufficient settlement to the striking facts of the strikers, but it was accepted, nevertheless, with the view that the strike will be continued to be continued to the terms of the agreement and the Union will begin to adopt the restrike. The Union will attempt to use the restrike of the strikers to clarify and make the strike a better workers’ world.

There is still time to get into the Union for 82. The time ex- piration of the strikers’ contract is 1918. After that date the initiation fee is $5.00. The payments to the Union are $2.00 per month. If any member was Minnesota was known from coast to coast as a union man. Every member of the Union workers will a member a Union town. We keep Minnesota a Union town.

How many have seen that they- mension showing the progress of organization in this city? We are not satisfied with the highest.

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Labor and Election

As the summer months draw to a close and the date of election nears it becomes more and more evident, to everyone, that labor is losing ground in Minnesota and the settlement of those difficulties have been influenced to a great degree by the prevailing political conditions. In Minnesota, Sargent Redeker and his associates bear that harvest. Minnesota laborers, to whom most labor unions are directly affiliated is felt, by the spokesmen for reaction, to be too close to the interests of the working class and too sympathetic to their aims and aspirations.

The Republican party, which is the acknowledged spokesman of reactionary bankers and big capital, feel in this way: "The few men in Minnesota among their class that their hands are fettered by an unsympathetic political regime. Minnesota exploiters of labor are determined, in conjunction with other capitalists from everywhere, to cut wages, lengthen hours and reduce the standard of living of Minnesota workers. We are fighting a battle for our lives and while in this, the present time, is the Farmer-Labor party which is in almost complete control of the state political machinery, Striking workers must be subdued, say the agents of arch-reaction, and a political dynasty must be installed in Minnesota with the Republican party offsetting the activities of the struggling working class to better its economic conditions.

This Republican class has been in a constant struggle with reactionary employers to prostrate strikers and prevent settlement of economic battle is a certainty. Their objective is to provoke a war in which they wish to create the impression throughout the state that the Farmer-Labor party is responsible for the suffering of the workers who have shaken the state during the last two years. Second, their aim is to provoke a war in which they wish to create the impression that will necessitate a Farmer-Labor governor calling out troops to be used against the workers.

We're Not Obliged to Scab

A contract just signed by the Truck Drivers Union in Chicago providing that the union will not become involved in any union contracts to scab it ceases to be a union. If contracts must be signed, why not have they provide never in any way to obligate the members to aid or abet the breaking of any strike. An obligation to stand by our fellow workers will never weaken us; it can only strengthen us—all of us—and give us more of the good things of life that we organize to get.

The Munition Maker’s Prayer

Great God of Battle, hear us as we pray
For greater profits than we now receive.
Since mothers now have almost ceased to grieve
That their sons are in the name of Christ,
They can be used as fodder for our guns.
So help us to arouse men’s fear and hate,
And let the infamies of pacificism
Great Lord, make hate, else it may be too late.
For we are the Thy Kingdom come and
Don’t forget the profits that accrue;
We’ll use a tilte to build a house for You.

Band

All members of Local 544 dance band are now members of the Musicians Union. Their regular dances scheduled and are promised a busy season. Dick Atterton will be at the piano again this season. For information call Dick or the union office.

NOTES

Local No. 544 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. hall number 2.
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Editor and Publisher honored by Cameramen covering the Salinas, Cal. strike. The last week needed gas masks to brave the clouds of tear gas and nauseating gas used to clear the streets of battling pickets and citizens.

I can picture the strikers getting gassed, but who ever heard of citizens getting gassed?

Berlin News item: Nazis consider that any strike which lived the age of 26 without getting married lacks courage and determination.

Dough

Campbell, Ohio, news item: Police barred tear gas bombs among Battle Creek police during a recent street fight. The cops were protected against the tear gas by a favorite journalist tear gas.

Who says the schools ain’t teaching the kids something? Some of the kids are learning what cops are for.

New York News item: After five days without pay, the art students, divinity student, was still praying, "God, I can't get a job and can't get a God damned license. Unless his prayer is answered within ten days, the magistrate will fine him.

Lots of good prayer being wasted there, boy.

This is how the story ended: "No money, no job; the table the Farmer-Laborer again cried, "We gotta have Law and Order strikers.""

From a Physical Culture: Few people think of Bernard Levin as the great editor. True for you brawler. A great editor would not pander to the worst superstitions, to the ignorance and prejudice of the populace.

A great editor would strive to explain the superstitions, to drive out prejudice with reason and argument. Today, only editors of writing class papers have a claim to greatness, for it is only they who can afford to proclaim the truth.

Short story title: A black widow spider bit the head of the editor. The spider died ten minutes later.

Famous last words: Do you really believe any of this stuff or is what your boss tells you to think?

CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL NO. 544
FWS Stewards, each Wed. 7 p.m.
FWS membership meetings, first and third Tuesday at 8 p.m.
FWS Local Executive, each Tuesday at 8 p.m.
FWS Leadership Class No. 1, each Friday 2 p.m.
FWS Leadership Class No. 2, each Saturday 10 a.m.
FWS Leadership Class No. 3, each Monday 10 a.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
FWS Grievance Committee, each Monday 10 a.m.
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Watch the FWS Bowling Tournament. The tournament is on Sept. 12, 1939.

W. D. F. Johnson is captain on the winning team.