Twin City Joint Action Committee Sends Letter To All Twin City Unions
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Joint Action Can Be Taken

To St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, the Minneapolis Central
Labor Union, to all Trades District Councils and to the Secre-
taries of all Local Unions in St. Paul and Minneapolis:
GREETINGS:
The activities of the past two weeks have marked a rapid
growth in the Twin City Trade Union Movement and with the out-
break of the last elections, both in the state in the city, and
there will be a new growth of unionism and together with it a more vigor-
ous and widespread campaign by the employers to stop this rising tide
of organization.

It will, therefore, be necessary to bring about the greatest degree of
harmony between the various local unions and between the
unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis as a group. We must have a
common aim, a common objective, and we must use our joint ener-
gies for the mutual gain of all the workers. This necessitates
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Make Minneapolis a Union Town
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Bill Brown Says

We believe that the Citizens Alliance say that they are ready to abandon their efforts to get the union of the unions that labor leaders do not take this thing seriously is only one of the things. They should know that this is not a trick. These unions are not being unionized by a group of labor leaders, they are being united by a group of labor leaders. The time has come to take a breath. Let's go along with the other things and we will go right along getting new contracts, new agreements and keeping up our pow-

e.

Real Issue in Waterfront Strike Is Control of Halls by the Unions

San Francisco, Nov. 28—Looming larger in the present maritime strike is a comparatively new issue—the hiring hall. It could be loosely defined as a marine employment office, the hiring hall has special characteristics, and of all the waterfront union halls, the San Francisco waterfront union halls are disposed to yield a lot of what they regard as their rights.

In San Francisco, where the strike started October 15, the hiring halls date back about 20 years. Then it was initiated by ship owners and the big unions, and the then-customary set-up got engraved on the door.

Unions Gain Voice

Employers and their management are very much in control of the hiring halls. The waterfront unions have a voice in their control, but it is not a voice that can be heard. It is a voice that is drowned out by the employers' voice.

It is deplorable that we have been unable to obtain any cooperation from our sister unions in St. Paul. The average wage scale of the United Watermen's Union in St. Paul is $1.25 per hour. The San Francisco Watermen's Union is approximately 25 per cent lower than the $1.25 scale. This wage scale is very low. The union should name the "dispatchers," or chief executive, but he should be subject to the labor relations committee. The average wage scale is low, and the S.F. waterfront union should work toward a more uniform wage and hour condition in future agreements, and now is the time to set up machinery for this purpose.

The above situation applies not only to the Los Angeles and Laundry Workers' Unions, but to all maritime unions.

It is to be hoped that the new waterfront rules can be worked out and the strikes can be settled. The present situation is bad, and there is no easy way to settle these things. But the situation is beginning to look better, and it is to be hoped that the new waterfront rules can be worked out and the strikes can be settled.

The Laundries and Cleaning Drivers Local 131 are in the midst of an organizational drive. Local 131 the drivers have been making phenomenal strides both in organiza-
tional work and gains for its members. Local 183 of the Inter-
ey Workers offers the drivers every cooperation.

Now that the Union has stepped up about 75 cents and laundry driving per day, it is likely that they will continue this upward trend of 75 cents. It is likely that there is a possibility that the strike may be settled.

Do not accept anything less than the work contracts for all the employees of the business. The strike will not be abandoned by the business agent, Mr. Low.

Let us all solidify the union and the labor movement through continued organization. Let us all keep our ranks up on organizational work and maintain a steady and strong front against any attempts to weaken our union organization.

We cannot afford to pass up the opportunity to build our union and our industry. We must stand firm and resist all attempts to weaken the union hall and slave labor.
Independent Truck Chatter

Mark Your X Here

All WPA contract trucks that have moved from one contract to another at the Metropolitan Bank Building could ask their timekeeper about it.

The new plan being evolved for the purpose of having more effective running and scheduling meeting should turn out very well. Perhaps members of your company may feel that the new plan does not mix. Come to the meetings prepared and open your minds to forget your属于自己 until the next "ITC" party.

Eyes To Esch

This name, "Independent Truck Owners Section," is something trademarked and widely used. To make it scarce how about calling it "ITOC." This will not only attract more attention but also show that the government hasn't got a corner on all alphabetical abbreviations yet.

At the American Trucking Association convention in Chicago, the Government presented a protest against the govern-
 ment's policy of buying and operating C.C.O. and C.C. and other government pro-
 jects in the absence of private enterprises. No bad idea. There should be a check of the reports that government trucks are being used exclusively on the WPA job at Pittsburgh.

Show Your Colors

It is pertinent that the ITC truck uniforms are in plain sight all over the city. All men will naturally want to hide them under winter coats and keep on hiding them under winter coats. Move them if necessary.

Questions and Answer Dept.

Article WPA sludge is being put on the game, from time to time at the Bank Building. They are asked that we be sent in by the men, who are the only ones who can tell if the trucks should send in complaints about the disagreeable odor surrounding the new men that are still working on WPA.

Assault on Buffalo

Nominee Stockton's Cargo Zender of owning two trucks. Curt doesn't see the jokes and never laughs at the same thing. Catholic looks much fun with one truck without having another.

Charter status conditions is still critical, at the last report.

The Teamsters Joint Council bowling team pulled a spectacular victory over the Oil men—they won a game.

Committee Formed by Twin City Business Agents Seeks Harmony

Body to Try to Level Wages in Minneapolis and St. Paul

A Twin City Joint Action Committee was formed by the business reps of 13 local leaders of the WPA who are in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The object of the committee will be the drafting of a program running and making uniform the Twin City specifications on conditions in the various divisions of the contract work.

The committee has asked all employers to furnish information regarding their operations, hours of work and general working conditions together with copies of contracts which they hold with the employers. On the basis of this information that made available the committee will seek, through the educational channels, to secure a uniform program.

J. R. Clerk's Leaves Plant As Employer Hits at the Unions

Tuesday morning emulfilled the J. R. Clerk, a member of Local 1350, Wood Work-
 ing, who walked out of work on what they termed a "hobby." The sudden walk-out was caused by the demands of the company of replacing work-
 ers who had taken a strike.

The latest move of the Clark company climaxed a long cam-
paign on the part of the management to wound the Work-
 ing. Millions of dollars have been invested in the running of the WPA, and the last negotiations being made with company officials were not sufficient to achieve a settlement of the wage and the union question.

Meat runs through the plant and the shop as it happens, and will take a man younger in size.

The agreement between the union and the J. R. Clerk company expired January 1, 1937. It is sign-

owed by the individual channels and wages assigned to every employee.

WPA demanded that all Port River and Huron County WPA contractors be paid by John Wing in Minneapolis. The answer is expected immediately.

WPA's drought relief program is being ended. A cold, hungry enemy is ready to move in the east.

Hamm Bros.

The difficulty at Hamm Bros., who was the president of the committee, was the enemy to give back the value of the goods purchased for the government.

FOR SALE

H. E. Lindahl reports that he has a 1926 - 1927 car for sale. It is equipped with all the latest accessories. The body of the car can be bought for $75 and the car can be sold at $125.

Steel Drive Goal in Sight as Thousands a Day Join Union

Workers See Through Companies' Trick Agreement and Refuse to Sign Away Rights; All Get WPA Bonus

By Vin Sweeney

Pittsburgh, (UP)—Smashing victories, ever-increasing membership, and staggering jolts for steel's company officials marked the astonishing growth of the independent steel workers towards complete success in the very near future.

New members in the steel union since the presidential election and the meeting of the Committee for Industrial Organization are estimated to close to 2,000 daily. This increased to a total of 2,600,000, a fact that really makes certain that the day the Steel Workers Organizing Committee—a strong, militant union in the steel industry—will soon be a fact.

Steel workers and their company representatives are now openly aligned with the union, and jubilant at the swift and successful turn of events in the past week.

One of the most crushing blows was dealt to the gigantic U. S. Steel Corporation with the exposure of the firm's attempt to sign members of the WPA with the cost-selling string attached.

"Agreement" Not Binding

In the Pittsburgh and Chicago battles of that corporation, the union representatives for speaking for the steel company were forced to sign the so-called agreement, despite the fact that the company's pressure on these men.

That position—backed by the S. W. O. C. and the steel company officials—was sustained by the S. W. O. C. when Perkins, U. S. Secretary of Commerce, declared that the WPA is a company representative (company interests) and that such agreements were purely breathing in a campaign.

U. S. Steel quickly ran to cover with an announcement that three plants which had refused to sign the agreement would likewise get the men back in the plant because the men had made demands before Philip Murray, chairman of the S. W. O. C. Previously steel manage-

ture has been a battle.

In the verbal fight, U. S. Steel is up against the public opinion and not having anything to do with it. It had announced that it be a battle to get the men on the books, whereas the steel company is now down with the public, the public is down on the steel company and the public is down with the public.

Babcock and Sweeney, president of the steel company, called it in the form of a "Labour Organization Committee." It's a committee with the point of the steel company.

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A National Program
Where do we go from here? Is the election hubbub has died down and administration has been returned to power with the greatest political instability in the history of the country, every one of us, whether you believe or not, must face the question of what is to happen next. Will relief be continued on its present level? Will new Federal projects be started? Will projects that are now underway be completed? Relief clients and Federal agencies must know the answer to the questions if they are to adjust themselves to the situation that lies just ahead.

The President will be addressing himself in his annual report to Congress in December on the status of the relief program. It is therefore imperative that the time for action be now and not put off until December. The President's report should be based on your present needs and not on your future requirements. If you are not getting the help you need, now is the time to tell the President and Congress. If you are getting too much help, now is the time to tell them too. The President needs to know the facts now, not at the end of the year. The nation cannot afford to wait until December to act.

Grand Jury

Grand juries are the only source of taxation left, are already crying on the high heavens that they are being taxed to the point of bankruptcy. As a matter of fact, they have not, through their spokesmen, the United States Chamber of Commerce, that they will refuse to continue to the taxpayers until the unemploying allowance is cut from the tax floor that has been maintained during the past four years. When big business, as says to President Roosevelt, “Balance the national budget,” they mean, cut down the doors to the unemployed and discontinue pouring the nation’s treasury into the pockets of the rich industrialists.

How will the administration respond to the pressure put on it by the “rich industrialists”? The President’s February report indicates that the administration and its advisers will yield to the will of the nation’s financial powers. The taxpayers’ expec- tations are, therefore, a grinding liquidation of made work projects. An attempt will be made to shift the relief burden to the states and local communities. How successful the administration will be in this attempt will depend upon the organized strength of the country’s unemployed.

Farrell Dobbs Will Discuss Convention

Under the auspices of the Minnesota Poultry and Egg dressing cooperative, Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the Minnesota Poultry and Egg dressing cooperative, will discuss the happenings of the recently adjourned convention of the National Poultry and Egg dressing cooperative held in St. Paul. Dobbs is well known in the poultry and egg dressing cooperative, union affairs and his views of the cooperative, will be of interest to all who are worried about the workers in the poultry industry.

Pack Back Gotten At A Pioneer Store

Back in those days, a Pioneer Store Stock was settled last week when the owner agreed to the terms of the agreement, that the worker would pay a one-hundred-dollar note as a payroll check could be issued.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunn

The strike at Gamble Roch was a big one, but it didn’t bring about a big strike. It brought results.

Have you heard the story about the man who worked for the Minnesota Lumber ... It’s a money.

The Casket Workers are still the same, but they’re unionized.

There is going to be a new law in town soon.

The J. R. Clark boys took a walk Tuesday.

What a scrabble for those judicial needs.

Candy Workers have decided to have a showdown at the Hollywood plant.

Both of the Tobacco Business Agents’ lunches were all set to hear Sander Genis’s report of the development of a Con- vention. Those in charge of such an event are said to be happy with the result. Sander had not returned at the time of writing.

Local 1517 was settled with 425 laundry and cleaning houses.

The Grand Jury did not like the action of the Local Union resolution. Local 160, Northern States Power Union, will hold an open meeting next Thursday night.

The State’s Union have a signed agreement with the Lea overall company.

That new shotgun received by the National Tea stewed in a honey.

There is going to be one more murder at Murphy Transfer.

What about the bakery drivers?

The driver of Brother Gates, long-time driver for the Local 454, was buried Friday morning. The union sent flowers.

The grocery thing is still on and going well.

Representatives of Local 160 are meeting with the employer on a new agreement.

Cheese Mite troubles again last week.

Drivers for the American Rail- way express are preparing caskets around like nobody’s business.

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CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS

FW 7 Stewards, each Wed. 7 p.m.

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FWS Leadership class No. 1. October 21-30.

FWS Leadership class No. 2. November 5-14.

FWS Leadership class No. 3. November 15-24.

FWS Leadership class No. 4. December 6-15.

Direct relief grievance hearings, Monday, December 1, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30p.m.

Steward Meetings—Or Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

The Stewards Meetings—First and third Wednesdays of each month, at 8 p.m.