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TRANSFER WORKERS WAGE RAISED BY NEW CONTRACT

Past Year is Reviewed by Laundries 183

Progress of Laundry Workers Union Pointed Out in Article

Growth of Local 183 Has Been Rapid

As this is near the end of the old year, I am thinking of the new, we feel a decided call to do a little remembering.

Special

On Saturday, December 26, the office of Local 183 was honored by the arrival of Wm. Brooks, new president of the Laundry Workers International with offices in San Francisco. Three of us were fortunate enough to meet Mr. Brooks were impressed by his knowledge of the labor movement in America today. His advocacy of putting such concerns on the agenda list will be hailed as another weapon in the fighter of labor. However, many unions in this town will still be old-fashioned-minded and stick to the main paycheck line.

Mr. Brooks will leave here for Denver and thence to the west coast.

In looking back at the past year we have many things of interest and profit. The signing of the present agreement can be most profitably viewed by the workers who were organized and by the masters methods used during negotiations as the continual negotiation and the battles won through organization and the battles lost with the Communists and the IWW which is printed below, in order that they may know the progress we have made.

Local No. 2036

Will Hold Giant Rally January 13

Warehouse and Inside Workers Local No. 2036 will hold a giant city-wide mass meeting at General Theater, 237 Plymouth Ave., Wednesday evening, January 13, at 8 o'clock.

Special attention to the organization of Sears-Roebuck will feature the meeting with speakers from this local, large number of friends and acquaintances working at Sears-Roebuck being present.

James Bartlett and Ray Lindgren are delegates to the C. L. U. from this Union and Robert Tibbets and Axel Jensen are alternate.

Wood Workers, Local 1859 Challenge Clark Company to Make Good Its Move Threat

Clark Company Threatens to Move Factory to Location Outside of Minneapolis to Avoid ‘Labor Trouble’

In a statement to the press dated Dec. 27, 1936, J. R. Clark, Jr., president of the J. R. Clark Company, said: “We are seeking a new location in another city where the labor situation is more stable.”

The executive board and membership of the Laundry Workers Union, Local 1859, in a statement by Mr. Clark is a gross misstatement of the actual situation. The fact is, the labor situation in this city is stable, due to the establishment of union conditions in a great part of local industry, and where the labor situation is not stable it is due to the machinations of chiseling employers who seek to evade the fair and equitable conditions embodied in union agreements. In the case of Mr. Clark and his company the whole cant-catchy conflict between him and the union lies in the fact that he seeks to evade the conditions imposed upon the J. R. Clark Company by virtue of its agreement with the union.

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, 1936, the workers of the J. R. Clark Company voted to form a union, Local 1859, declared a holiday, which later was turned into a strike because the J. R. Clark Company has repeatedly refused to live up to the contract signed with the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859. As early as March 25, 1936, the company tried to break the union by refusing to abide by the provisions of the union contract, this forcing the “sit-down” strike of the workers which brought about a settlement which reads in part as follows:

“We (the J. R. Clark Co.) are willing to clarify and interpret the phrase ‘legitimate cause’ contained in Article III of our contract to mean drunkenness, dishonesty, disobedience of reasonable order, inability to work, willful destruction of property, and such conduct of an officer as may be deemed sufficient by the union shop committee, or, in that committee does not agree with the management as to such cause, then the question shall be submitted to arbitration as provided in our contract.

However, in total disregard of the above stipulation, the company, on or about July 15, 1936, discharged a worker, therefore failing to live up to the terms of the agreement. The union attempted to settle this grievance without going out on strike.

Plumbers Union, Local 15, Annual Elections Held

At J. W. Williams was unanimously reelected as president of Plumbers Local 15 at the election of officers held December 15, and the following were unanimously reelected to their respective offices:

Vice president, Frank Marchant; financial secretary-treasurer, A. J. Pier; recording secretary, A. H. Awan; interior agent, Art Hildreth; statistician, Dan Fallon; finance committee, three-year term, Frank Munkel, delegate card and label committee, A. C. McKee.

Robert Rubhinger was elected to the Executive Board for the three-year term and Walter Soderquist for the two-year term.

Art K. Anderson, Adolf Okan, Arthur T. Aton, Roy Beverly, A. J. McMurray were elected delegates to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. Dan Fallon and Robert Rubhinger were chosen delegates to the Minneapolis Trades Council.

Charles Lamb, Frank Marchant, Art V. Lindquest, Art K. Anderson and Roy Beverly were unanimously chosen delegates to the Twin City Pipe Trades Council.

Battery Workers Thank Local 544

December 19, 1936 brought William Brown, President of Local 544 and members of his organization to Minneapolis to present their appreciation for the help given in the struggle for higher wages and better working conditions for workers in the transfer industry. The signing of the contract came about after negotiations between the unions and employers regarding the wages and hours of employees in the industry. The union leaders urged the workers to write in the name of the candidate of their choice which is printed below, in order that they may know the progress we have made.

Compliance Committee of the Minneapolis Transfer Men’s Union, headed by the president of the Minnesota Corporation, hereinafter known as the Compliance Committee.

Workers Alliance Report

On the State Convention

A packed meeting greeted the delegates from Federal Section.

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CLARK COMPANY TRENDS TO MOVE FACTORY

Auto Unions Are Preparing for Final Showdown With Motors; Bitter Fight Is in Prospect

Definite indications that the open shop, proud boast of the industry, is nearing the end of an era were given last week in a wave of all-out strikes that swept the industry.

Preparing for the general strike, the leaders of the United Auto Workers, in a wave of all-out strikes that swept the industry.

Early Failure

The fighting days at labor organization in came in 1927 when the American Federation of Labor (AFL) attempted to organize the United Automobile Workers. It was an early failure; the half-million workers were not convinced that the AFL organizers were working in the workers' interest.

For it was evident then, as now, that a mass production industry is too complex to be united in a single union. The unions that were organized never made up the equal of the mass production lines would be.

The number of five workers in any given job was the number of workers in the Ford plant and the industry. That was followed by the beginning of organization union and the strike. Among them was "the antitrust of auto labor," men began to talk openly defense of union, of the Ford Manufacturing Co., body builders of 17,000 tool and die makers in the fall of that year.

The strike this spring will mark a revolution in organized automobile labor. After the war and the post-war anti-labor measures, the United Automobile and Vehicle Workers Union, and United Auto-Wage Union that had attained real power, was able to organize the industry in the middle West. Even though the strike was a complete and absolute failure, the mass production lines were still intact.

The A.F.L. leadership, however, was completely convinced of the strike's failure and the workers were bribed by the golden (titillating) promises of the President, and the establishment of the new union Auto-Wage Board. The Board early showed itself to be anti-union in spirit and in fact; with its, the unions lost their numbers and existed as a skeleton bust.

NP, the National Electrical Industry Conference, was the AFL organized a international union for the federal liberal policies that had been affected after some delay by the A.L. The conference was formed by the demand for the AFL, resulted from the direction of the A.L., repudiated by the new union, and discouraged to unionize, the union, once again, in the organizational and some other demands that it had been measured by the extent and effect of the coming. In the automobile industry in the middle West, the unionize in the middle West, it's no sympathy for the outcome of the strike. Its membership is now composed of men who were broken into the trade, the bodies of the trade, and the bodies of the trade; only more men, who also will mark the zero hour of the drive for a Union America.

CLARK COMPANY TRENDS TO MOVE FACTORY

Workers Alliance Report Continued

Assessment

Recent layoffs suffered by WPA employees are a direct result of the ITO Section in urging an increase in the number of employees. Some of those that could not be cut were among the most severe. And in the next short weeks, probably are being asked to appreciate the efforts of some of these unions in this section. The first work will be among WPA employees and those affected, as well as the general work on various jobs. Since that time very slow period has been brought in to half of the money is at this time. It has been possible to extend the deadline for collections cause the union won't come to be in Washington until several days after that. All collections must be in within two years by Janu- a. 7, 1937. To avoid a last minute rush pay a steward before that time if you can, otherwise do the meeting on the night of January 7. The penalties to be put on the assessment deductors will be the same as the uncollectible, so, as no excuses will be accepted. Remember this is an in term campaign, whether or not you hail, dirt, or ice, it is necessary to get WPA work, it means to cut the number of trucks will be shifting to other lines; truck activity already overhauled.

Workers Alliance

The WPA has made a very good showing as far as county road construction is concerned. The county is getting a complete report prepared covering the period in the year. Roughly, about 35 miles in the year, 15 miles in the year, which means that if there is any bonding looks does the trucks haven't run on it.

Who Is Buying Trucks?

Judging by the evidence against car dealer was dealing in trucks that made it of interest to truckers. An agent represented a truck as having a greater load capacity than was true. After con- pliant of the buyer, the court ruled that the motor company was bound by the word of the salesmen in its sales to buyers agreeing to look at the buyer.

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Wealth is equitably distributed among the members at each market.

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1. Each member has one vote and one vote only. Dis- crepancies between members are adjusted by the ratio of interest. Many is the member's merchandising and the number of credits.
2. Retained earnings are divided pro rata among members to who have invested in the cooperative. The wealth of members is equitably distributed.

Co-ops are a powerful step forward for the people to take control of their own resources.
The Harlan Victims

New York City, Dec. 30—Refusal by Gov. A. B. Chandler to make the decision free the four Harlan county miners suffering life-deaths despite strong new evidence that they were framed up by anti-union coal interests has given new momentum to the fight for their liberation.

Chandler's decision came at the end of a two hour hearing on Dec. 24, at which liberation of the prisoners was urged by two key witnesses, labor leaders, state legislators, and defense representatives. Testimony by the witnesses corroborated the defense contention that these men were unjustly convicted. But the governor, in a curious switch, said: "I cannot recommend that this conviction be reversed, because, in my opinion, you could not possibly be given a pardon to any one yet doesn't mean that I won't." He promised a new hearing.

Immediate steps will be taken to assemble additional evidence of the innocence of the prisoners, and to arrange for their legal defense in the coming round of appeals. The Governor of Kentucky, Herbert Mahlery, secretary of the Kentucky Miners' Defense.

"To meet the difficulties of government, Gov. Chander's decision to uphold the convictions will expedite further investigation. On this task will be assigned a three-member committee to find the leading cause of the coal operators, the spirit of the spirit of the company.

"This unity of action was largely responsible for the splendid showing at the Frankfort hearing. In advising us to 'bother up the record,' we consider that Mr. Chandler conveyed an open demand that the conviction of the Harlan men be reversed.

"One of the witnesses was Dolly Hudson, a young widow of the chief miner-killed in 1913 in the Great St. Vrain Coal war. She had come to the state capital to back up an affidavit in which she had attested her hub on her husband's wrong arrest. The same affidavit had been denied in a letter written to the governor by some one whom she decries for her name.

"In the meantime, the battle, the Black Mountain Coal Company superintendent came to her house and ordered her to leave. She was not a frightened woman. The strike pickets wouldn't let him wait long enough to get breakfast or shave." Her testimony strongly supported the charges that the company's main miner, Jack Eaves, ordered the St. Vrain miners to attack the strike pickets by attacking the picket-line with machine guns.

"The other witness was Sherman Percival, former mine guard, who was badly wounded that day. He told the governor he had been unable to identify any of the accused miners as having taken part in the battle, and that George Davis, one of the Commonwealth's principal witnesses, urged him to "say so there them where whether you did or didn't." Chandler was urged that day to free the prisoners by a delegation from the State Federation of Labor. Headed by Bishop Willoughby, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, this delegation included Peter Wehr, treasury, and secretary of the federation; John Schneider, chairman of its legislative committee; William Robinson, former secretary of the National Miners' Federation; and Father Cuddy of Lexington, president of district 30, U. M. W.

Others who joined in the appeal were four state legislators, one of whom was named Van Binh, chief court officer in Bell county, adjacent to Harlan; Judge桑登, who also was at the Harlan hearing; John H. Daniels, of the Harlan trial; Captain Ben R. Golden, defense attorney; and Herron, who was quoted by the mining company from the beginning.

"Looking on anxiously were the wife and son Elmer, 22, of one of the prisoners, W. B. Jones, who was secretary of the S. W. C. of the St. Vrain Co.

"When the hearing ended, several of those who took part went to the Harlan mine and faced their families an affair that will be hard for anyone who those labor unions that attended.

"The newly signed transfer agreement benefits some 30 cents an hour raise for all workers in the track transportation industry. A nice Christmas present.

"January will see the new meeting schedule go into ef-

Thus, the general membership will meet each month at Princeton station. The meetings.

"Covington, Dubois and M. Dunne have been named as General Drivers in Dubuque Tuesday night.

"Local 544 mourns the loss of Lewis Brown, who was killed in an accident at Fruit Distributors yard last night. Lewis was a member of the United Glass Works.

"Contractors have started work on the remodeling of the new Johnstown headquarters.

"Plans for a great mass meeting of warehouse and in-

... With the help of the new Warehouse Work-

"Pat Conover will take over his new duties as corporation secretary of the United Glass Workers Union.

"Local 160 will elect to arbitrate on the case of a discharged member at the Maroon school.

"Transfer drivers, helpers and platform men met in the union hall Tuesday night. It was the first on the new transfer agreement.

"All driving unions will hold a general meeting by the Christmas season.

"Cabinet Makers Local 166, gave the writer a healthful glimpse of the labor of an industrial town. It is inscribed, "Miles Dowen, Cabinet Makers Local 166."

"Leaders of Local 159, Wood Workers Union, were served with an anti-picketing injunction Monday.

"Three sitting station attend-

... Whereupon they made up their minds to put out of town.

NOW QUIT FOOLING!

J. R. Clark Company an-

... Why, that's the question of the hour. They want to go in and get a way of the town.

"BY THE WAY, does anyone know of an actual instance of the use of any plant, firm, company or person, in fact, any individual, to make a profit on the Gian-

... Appear no more: it is the best of the day, and the sun of your life.

"Dubuque drivers are striking against the Monon to prevent the companies at the head of the town.

... The coal drivers report the poorest season in years.