CASKET FIGHT STOPS WITH A UNION VICTORY

Local 1659 Wines Wages Incentives All Workers
All Casket Plants Now Are Managed by Union Members

The seven-weeks' old strike of the Casket Workers Union, which was closed into Local 1659 Furniture Workers Union, ended Monday evening, January 14th, when the workers returned to the factories on the second of a three per cent union agreement.

Successful advances were made by these workers in the union contract. New high wages were set, hours were decreased and made uniform in the various plants and many other concessions secured. A minimum wage for women was established at forty cents per cent. The new wages for men were established at one dollar per hour. This schedule provided an increase of approximately 30 per cent per hour. All workers receiving more than 50 cents per hour were given a flat 10 per cent increase in wages. Seniority was established for all the workers in the industry, which will run through each plant. The company agreed all workers who have been employed on the job since July 1st will receive one week's vacation pay each year.

The victory of the striking casker workers came after seven weeks of determined resistance by the casket employers. The signing of the union agreement by casker employers brings a new group of organized workers into the stream of the Minneapolis trade union movement.

The firms which settled with the strikers were the Northwestern Casket Co., Forestville Casket Co. and the Minnesota Casket Co.

The strike involved approximately 100 men and women.

Coal Workers Get Their Withheld Pay

According to authoritative sources, the settlement which was granted to all coal workers under the new agreement amounted to an excess of $45,000 throughout the industry.

Some coal yard workers received as high as $1,500.

Local 544 Will Take Job Census; Stewards Will Get Information

General Drivers Union has taken as a secure figure on employment in trucking and related industries. Stewards in each place of employment are required to fill out the form below and forward it to the union office.

JOE CENSUS
LOCAL 544
(Fill out and return to Farrel Dubbo, Secretary, 257 Plymouth Company)
Total number men eligible for membership
How many men under each classification of work
How Many Men How Many Avo Members Net Members
Classification

Are you acquainted with the meeting schedule as it applies to your men

List the companies where you collect dues

Job Steward

Ecklad Heads the Joint Teamsters

The last meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council was devoted to the election of officers who will serve the council during the coming year.

The following are the newly-elected officials of the teaming craft central body:

President, V. Ecklad
Vice President, C. Skoglund
Recording Secretary, C. Johnson
Financial Secretary, P. J. Corcoran
Treasurer, Sandberg, Beavey and Ebel

As the Civil War drags on in Spain, the anti-fascist forces require more and more supplies from their enemies all throughout the world. To meet their needs, the Minneapolis Committee for the Relief of Spanish War Victims (affiliated with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy) is seeking to raise sufficient funds in Minneapolis to purchase a trainload of flour which will be shipped to the Madrid Loyalist government.

All workers and organizations interested should send checks and donations made payable to George Leonard, Treasurer, Committee for the Relief of Spanish War Victims, Room 315, Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis.

Taxicab Drivers Get New Agreement

Local 125, Taxicab Drivers Union is now engaged in negotiating a new agreement covering drivers at the Liberty Cab. It will be patterned after the 544 agreement at the Yellow Cab.

Milk Drivers Ask for Cooperation

Milk Wagon Drivers would like to remind housewives that assistance can be rendered union milkmen by more co-operation during the cold winter months. Many housewives, they say, are careless or error, make it necessary for milkmen to make two or three trips to the same customer each day. Keeping these cows, dark mornings, it is only natural that the milk driver has a cold, disagreeable job to perform. Give him your co-operation.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

North Central District Drivers Council Formed

P. J. Corcoran, Organizer of Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, Elected President of Organization

Action will Start at Once to Begin Drive on All Unorganized Truckers in Six North West States

A conference of delegates from truck drivers local unions affiliated with the Drivers International of the A.F. of L. held in Minneapolis will throw their full support behind the newly-formed North Central District Drivers Council.

The district will include North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and upper Michigan. An Executive Board composed of three active officers and a vice-president from each local union was elected. The following active officers were elected:

P. J. Corcoran, Minneapolis Milk Drivers Local 471, President.
R. E. Rooney, Duluth Milk Drivers Local 52, First Vice-President.
Farrel Dubbo, Minneapolis General Drivers Local 544, Secretary-Treasurer.

The other vice-presidents and members of the Board are:

George Lyons, Duluth General Drivers Local 546.
Richard Wilson, Minneapolis Ice and Cold Storage Local 257.
Clair Johnson, Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Local 131.

The six-man board is in charge of the Superiors General Drivers Local 288.

Harold Seavey, Minneapolis City and Suburban Drivers Local 654.

Sandy McCourt, representing the truck drivers of Austin, Minn., was elected as a frazeron delegate.

Other local unions which affiliate to the Council in the future will automatically have a representative on the Executive Board.

The purpose of the Council is to promote the organization of workers engaged in truck transportation throughout the entire state and to establish uniform working conditions. A full-time organizer will be put in the field to coordinate this work. The Conference voted unanimously to create a negotiating committee with representatives from local unions involved to negotiate with the trucking industry for the regulation of Motor Carriers Association to establish uniform conditions in long distance truck transportation throughout the entire state. All member unions are pledged to organize the local Union involved to hold local Union members having difficulties in any part of the district.

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Local 1359 DEFEATS THE RISE IN UNION DUES

The meeting on the union and rechartering order, said President William J. Ewing, last night at 7:15 in the office of the local 1359.

The meeting was attended by about 25 local 1359 employees of local coal companies covered by the U.S. Labor Department.

The meeting is the result of the efforts of the local 1359 employees of the coal company

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Local 1359 Meeting Schedule January, 1937

1st. Jan., 9th, Executive Board, Wed., Jan., 6th General Member...2nd. Jan., 10th, Executive Board, Wed., Jan., 7th General Member. The meeting was held on Monday, January 10th.

Transfer Group Want Adherence To Agreements

I read with a great deal of interest the article in last week's issue of the Transfer Group discussing the advisability of adhering to the agreements. I must say I feel that the wording of the agreements is a little too general to be of much use in the present situation.

The Transfer Group is the name of the union of the local 1359 employees of the coal company.

Joseph Poirier Will Be Arbitrator in Local 160 Dispute With N. S. P. Wright Case to Be Aired Before Arbitration

The Executive Board met last week to consider the Wright case. Mr. Miller had previously suggested that the Wright case be heard before the arbitrator, Mr. Miller, who was appointed by the N. S. P. company to handle arbitration matters. The Executive Board agreed with Mr. Miller's suggestion and the Wright case will be heard by the arbitrator.

Chicago Steno's Will Get Paper

Mr. Miller, Manager of the Steno pool and stenographic pool of the N. S. P. company, has been appointed to hear the Wright case.

With the Laundries Workers Union

Those elected at the annual meeting of the local 1359 employees were Harry Brown, president; J. F. Brown, vice-president; and J. F. Ewing, Recording Secretary. A similar meeting is to be held in January.

Commerce Group Hearing in Chicago

The Interstate Commerce Commission will hold a hearing on the matter of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the local union of the N. S. P. company.

Teigan Writes on Help for WPA

Last week a conference was held between officers of Local 544 of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union and the local union of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the local union of the N. S. P. company.

Changes in Union...and Related...Commis

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The first actual adjustments that will be made pointed out by the special letter of several weeks ago are now being made by the Staters Power Co. The operators have been instructed by department heads and chief operators that the stations are now to be being sold or closed which the wages are to be adjusted as to the close of 1947.

This idea is somewhat along the lines the operators were prepared to move in the past few weeks, but now the company is more or less observing what they say they do best.

The rent are in no way connected. This is just such action as the union anticipated and pointed out in the special letter. The company's idea being to lead the men to believe their interests are being properly safeguarded without any participation in the arrangements.

To fully convince all that this adjustment is being made in the interest of the men concerned a wage raise of 25 cents per hour is being granted to all employees.

There is no mention of any such thing as a raise of 25 cents per hour being granted. The company is advancing better to the better paid stations to be hand. The same wage effect of 25 cents per hour for "merit" in infer.

For anyone who might question the 25 cents raise as mentioned it is 25 cents as compared to some of the wide differences now prevailing is a very meager wage raise of 25 cents per hour for "merit."

The word for merit nothing more eloquent could be said than the actual record of men and women who have stayed 25 cents and 15 years standing. Where is their "merit?"

Laundry Workers Hold an Election

Wednesday, January 6, the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union Local 183 held their election for union officers the coming year. The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Osborn; vice president, J. W. Osborn; secretary, J. W. Osborn; treasurer, John S. Osborn.

A large number of union members attended the election at the Minneapolis Labor Temple, 249-250 Transportation Building, 4th and 2nd Ave. S.

The union is interested in the conditions of the American workman, in the progress of the Co-operative movement in the United States and the workman's hours. In this class union members will study the history, principles and organization of co-operatives.

Beginning also this week will be classes in Collective Labor Agreements. These classes will deal with such trade union problems as: What is a collective labor agreement? Can labor agreements be enforced by courts? Model contracts.

This course will be valuable to all members of unions as well as those who are forming new unions. Workers, in class, in Labor and Politics, was offered on Thursday evening at 7:45 to 9 o'clock. This course is offered in response to student demand. Active union members are now realizing the importance of a clear understanding of labor and politics.

All union members are cordially invited to come up to the school for these classes are organized and run for the benefit of workers, by the Minneapolis Labor Temple, 249-250 Transportation Building, Minneapolis. WPA officials in regard to continuation and expansion of WPA and WPA officials in regard to continuation and expansion of WPA and WPA officials in regard to continuation and expansion of WPA.

MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

The meeting was held last Thursday evening, first and third Friday of each month.

WPS Leadership Class No. 1, 10th Street Church, 10th and Washington Avenue.

Direct relief grievance hours, Friday, January 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 10th and Washington Avenue.

Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at 4 p.m.

CO-OP COAL ASSOCIATION

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Nature
Organized people

Purpose
To work with the consumer at every stage of the production of goods, from raw materials to final product. The goal is the production and distribution of goods at the lowest possible cost, with the profit going back to the consumer.

Membership
Open to all individuals who are interested in supporting the cooperative movement.

Goals
To provide the public with the best quality goods and services at the lowest possible cost, with the profit going back to the consumer. To promote the use of local, sustainable, and ethical goods and services.

Benefits
Members receive a 5% discount on all purchases, as well as access to a wide range of quality goods and services.

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For more information, please visit our website or contact us at info@co-opcoalassociation.org.
The Leopard Changes Its Spots

The other morning I was reading the newspapers that the Citizens Alliance had dissipated, discharged its functions and vacated its offices to be taken with a grain of salt. While it is no doubt true that an interested observer would find the former offices of the Citizens Alliance vacant and while it is probably also a fact that its functionaries were forced to seek other jobs, it is NOT TRUE that the Citizens Alliance has dissipated. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Citizens Alliance, it is true, has changed its name, but neither it is called the Citizens Alliance or the Associated Industries is a matter of small importance to Minneapolis trade unionists. The same personnel that has gone into the makeup of the present in the Associated Industries. The same employers, the same labor leaders and the same people whose only outlook is to lose, destroy, no one in Minneapolis union movement goes to make up the membership in the new employers' setup. But it would be also wrong to think that Minneapolis employers have gone into head-on collisions with labor organizations and believed in beating the unions down with brute force.

The leadership that would perhaps still enjoy the policies if it were not for the fact that a new situation has arisen in Minneapolis which makes such tactics obsolete, is the ORGANIZATION PHD. A powerful trade union movement has grown here in the past three years which absolutely precludes the thought of anyone beating it by strong-armed tactics. A new more subtle and more sinister method of dealing with labor unions had to be devised by the employers. The old policy of head-on collisions with the labor movement will be thrown into the scrap heat except perhaps on rare occasions.

The new policy will be to kill the unions with "kindness." In the place of imported gummen, thugs and strikers breakers will be a small army of trained employers, employed by this company or that company and often endorsed by the organization leaders. Their policy will be to outflank the unions in negotiations, write union agreements with double meanings and buy off union representatives with money for their pockets.

The new Minneapolis labor movement has reached the most dangerous stage of its growth. Today, the leading newspaper is unquestioned and who have the ability to fight to the death on the picket line are apt to fall a prey to the new spokesman of employers' groups. Labor must do boldly on its guard.

The North Central Council

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The Council will prove particularly valuable at this time when driving unions are attempting to regulate hours and wages of long distance freight truck drivers. Solving this problem on a local basis is impossible. It needs a central head where information and data on wages and hours can be exchanged and where typical agreements can be formulated and standardized to cover the many changes of the over-the-road truck employers. If the new council performs as well in its work as it has in its formative stages, it will prove a far superior effort in the general teamsters' movement.

Keep Storing With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Cashier's workers went back to work Monday morning.

Attendance at the Sunday drivers' conference was held down be- cause of the bad weather. Several operators are talk- ing about organizing a union.

Milk Drivers Union report all but three men working.

Hosery Workers still de- clare that the union is unsafe to join or organize.

Skagin left Wednesday for Washington with the committee of independent Truck Owners.

The head stovekeeper on the Belts Line is in the greene.

Bay Sawyer, head man of the Milk Drivers, says that he has never heard of strikes or tactics, method and strategy in dealing with their employees. The leadership who made up the policy of the "defunct" Citizens Alliance were trying to come in head-on collisions with labor organizations and believed in beating the unions down with brute force.

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