Governor Benson Offers $500 for Pat's Murderers

On Thursday Governor Elmer A. Benson offered a reward of $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer or slayers of Patrick Corcoran. In a statement accompanying the offer, Governor Benson said: "The murder of Patrick J. Corcoran of Minneapolis is a challenge to the forces of law and order in this state and no effort must be spared to solve this brutal crime. This case cannot be allowed to rest until the killer or killers have been brought to justice."

STATEMENT OF MINNEAPOLIS TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL

Minneapolis Teamster Joint Council No. 32, is horrified at the apparent cold-blooded slaying of Patrick J. Corcoran, Secretary-Treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

"Pat Corcoran has led an uncomprising fight against Minneapolis employers and their agents. There can be little doubt that many of the employers who have dealt with Corcoran during the past two years have reason to wish for his elimination. It is obvious that one who fights consistently in the interest of the workers makes enemies. These enemies have wanted Corcoran out and have succeeded over a period of time, indicate how seriously Corcoran's death was desired.

The Teamsters' Joint Council and all of its affiliated locals hold nothing but the highest respect and admiration for the work that Corcoran has carried out. He knew of all dangers that confronted him but in spite of this he insisted on carrying on his struggle to improve the conditions of those who toil. We are convinced that the dastardly murder of Pat Corcoran will only serve to spur the Drivers' Unions to ever greater organizational efforts. His murder will not go unpunished. Teamsters' Council No. 32 pledge themselves to carry forward to a successful conclusion the campaign against corruption and racketeers.

If the employers and their agents think that by murdering individuals they will be able to wreak their will upon the working class, they are sorely mistaken.

We will carry on.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL DRIVERS LOCAL 544

Local 544, Minneapolis General Drivers Union, is moved to sorrow at the news of the tragic end which Patrick J. Corcoran, one of the members of the Local Union, fell to his death under suspicious circumstances. Pat Corcoran and his family were members of the Local Union. They were on opposite sides. Since that

time, however, and since the time the Local Drivers Union returned to the Drivers' International, there has been no more staunch supporter, or true friend, than Corcoran. Since the upsurge of the one-time outlaw union (574) and the A. F. of L. there has been no one who has accorded greater support to the Drivers than Pat Corcoran. He has been our friend and has indicated by his every act that he has been actively interested in furthering the interests of the Minneapolis Teamsters.

Not only has he been actively participated in the organization of the General Drivers Union, but he has in that period assisted in the unification of the Bakery Drivers, Laundry Drivers, Tea and Coffee Drivers and several other locals to organized sections of the Drivers movement.

Corcoran was one of the foremost members of the organization of the North Central District Drivers Council, an union Council which brought into its fold all of the northwestern teamsters in the Northwest. During his fight for unionism, Northwest Teamsters Councils had made enemies, who, no doubt, desired his death. If assassination is the method used by racketeers to keep union leaders in the shadows, they are not likely to infuse their workers with the fight. When all of the Driving Craft Workers, Carpenters, Lumbermen, Warehousemen and other organizations in the Northwest are organized and operating under union conditions, we will see the end of racketeers.

Pat Corcoran was a martyr and has suffered a martyr's fate. We of the union will carry his memory and his spirit shall forever exist in our ranks.

STATEMENT OF YELLOW CAB SECTION, LOCAL 414

The membership of this section wishes to express its deep concern and sympathy in the loss of a leader who has so ably demonstrated in this past his ability for leadership and consecrated himself to lead his followers in organization drives . . . In our estimation, he will be sorely missed.

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$10,000 Reward is Offered for Slayers

On Wednesday night around ten o'clock Patrick J. Corcoran, Secretary-Treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and Chairman of the North Central District Drivers Council, was found and brutally assaulted near his home.

Earlier in the evening, he had attended a meeting of the Laundry Drivers Local, held at the headquarters of the Council, 277 Plymouth Avenue North. He left the meeting for his home, put his automobile in his garage, and started for the door. It was then that his assailant or assailants attacked him, beat him, crushed his skull, and shot a bullet riddling his body. His mousetraps were covered body was discovered by a neighbor at 12:30 p.m.

At 8:45 a.m. on Thursday morning, it was time some before the horrible news of his assassination leaked out. With sorrow, with anger, his trade union brothers, his friends, members of the trade union movement, heard of the cowardly, dastardly act.

The body of the martyred trade union leader was taken to the county morgue. Later, officials of the Teamsters Joint Council and a representative of the Northwest Organizer went to the morgue, identified themselves and asked to see the body. They were refused admission to the morgue, because the daily press had no difficulty in viewing the body of the murdered man.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Edmund and Patrick, Jr., two daughters, Betty and Janet, three brothers, John, James and Alphonse. He lived at 28 Penn Avenue South.

Council Meeting Immediately

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock a special executive meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council was held in the Council headquarters.

Teamsters Offer $10,000 for Corcoran's Assassins

Labor Movement Joins Drivers in Observance of Holiday Saturday; Funeral at St. Mary's Basilica

The executive meeting decreed that the Council offers a reward of Ten Thousand Dollars for the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Corcoran. It further decreed that a Holiday of all members of the Teamsters in Crafts in Minneapolis be held Saturday, November 20, to permit them to attend the last services for the martred trade unionist, to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Basilica of St. Mary's, where it was observed that this Holiday need not fear that either their jobs or their standing in their Union will be jeopardized. Mike Penne was selected to fill temporarily the post of Secretary-Treasurer of the Council.

Saturday Union Holiday

The rest of the Minneapolis trade union movement is called upon by the Council to join with it in observing the Holiday on Saturday. All unions affiliated with the North Central District Drivers Council, of which Pat Corcoran was a member, have been notified of the actions of the Minneapolis Joint Council, and invited to send delegations to observe the funeral. Thursday afternoon, officials of the Warehousemen and Inside Workers Union, Local 2031, called upon all of its members to join with the Teamsters Joint Council in observing the Holiday. The Federated Bakers Section of Local 544 had already taken similar action. It was believed that many other unions would rapidly follow suit.

After 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, any driver who so wishes, may take his truck on the street, with the full approval of the Teamster's Joint Council. Milk and bakery drivers will be delivered at midnight, Friday, and are to be off the street by 9 o'clock Saturday morning.
T. J. C. Meets to Take Action on Corcoran's Death

On Thursday morning, November 18, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, in association with the Teamsters Council of Chicago, met at 297 Plymouth Avenue North. The meeting, the following actions were taken:

1. The Council offers a reward of $10,000 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the foul murder of Pat Corcoran.

2. The Council decreed a Holiday for the one-year anniversary of the murder, to be observed by the Teamsters Joint Council, on Saturday, November 20, to permit members to attend the funeral services.

3. The Council requested a ruling of the Teamsters Joint Council on whether or not the Minneapolis News-Tribune’s report concerning the murder of the弟弟's brother is an act of the Teamsters Joint Council.

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One of Brother Corcoran’s last acts was to request of a member of the Private Chauffeurs’ Union that he photograph the large neon sign hanging at the corner of 24th Avenue and 46th Street, a sign of the unity and power of the Council and a beacon to all workers in the driving crafts.

Warehouse, FWS
Unions to Observe Holiday Saturday

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On Friday afternoon, the Teamsters Joint Council will meet to discuss the Minneapolis News-Tribune's report concerning the murder of the brother and the funeral arrangements. Because of technical difficulties, the last services for the murdered brother will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary, No member of the Council observing this Holiday will jeopardize either his job or his standing in the Union by observing the Holiday.

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