

LOCAL 574 CALLS STRIKE CONFERENCE

The Sharp Shooter

What descendant of an early American family is back on his old job at 7th and Hennepin? We're all "Witt" you, Ethan!

Four and twenty bosses
Who were all alike
Joined themselves together
To resist a strike,
But when the strike was over
They all began to shout
The Citizen's Alliance
Has

Sold
Us
Out.

Notes from our Wild Animal Department.
There will be less Rats in the Central Market this summer.

What Ho! Grand Jury!

FOR SALE:—One half bushel basket of special deputy badges—very slightly used.

This column wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the assistance of various labor organizations and individuals rendered during the recent "unpleasantness".

LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT

Dear Mr. Summons:

Can you tell me why a City the size of Minneapolis has no Mayor?

—Tax Dodger

My dear Mr. Tax Dodger:—

This department confesses they are unable to tell you why we have no Mayor. We don't even know who the Chief of Police is. How are all your folks?

Yours in doubt.

—I. Summons

We are going to let the world in on a secret that we have just discovered. The letter "S" in the name of William S. Brown, stands for Samuel. Whoops my dear!

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Petroleum Workers Plan New Organiza- tion Campaign

The Petroleum Workers have seen the light! Their Organizational Committee is forging ahead with their plans. A circular has been prepared to counteract the employer's propaganda claiming that Local 574 is interested in truck drivers only. The Committee believes that Local 574 is the only place for the Petroleum Workers. When confronting their bosses they realize that they need the backing of every local and especially 574. Where in the labor movement could they assure themselves a more logical setup than to affiliate with Local 574?

PETROLEUM MEETING

Petroleum workers meet for organization tasks and discussion at 225 South Third Street, Thursday, June 28, 9 p. m.

The Petroleum Workers' Committee points out that in discussing the particular problems of their craft they shall meet as a separate group and have full power to make all decisions.

The Petroleum Workers are demanding an eight-hour day and forty-eight hour week; \$135.00 per month for operators; \$100.00 per month for helpers; a margin of 4-4-4 in third party stations; one per cent shrinkage allowance; \$135.00 monthly for drivers and warehouse men, and better working conditions.

At the Organization Committee meeting June 19, a plan of action was recommended.

1. Filling stations may post the union sign when all the requirements for a 100% union station have been complied with.
2. All men working in the station must be members of Local 574.
3. A recognition contract providing seniority rights with no discrimination.

The Committee also proposed a campaign to assure the support of the labor movement to organize union stations

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Thursday, June 28, is Date for Unity Meeting

Packed to the doors in Eagles Hall, Thursday evening, the membership of 574 voted unanimously to call the Employers bluff—to demand immediate wage increases, and to enforce this demand with a city-wide tie-up, preparations for which are to proceed at once. The report of efforts to negotiate with Employers on the question of wages and hours was made by Brother Dobbs who together with the committee have been working day and night to get results. Brother Dobbs' report revealed that the Employers have been deliberately stalling. They have delayed the nomination of their spokesman. They bring forward all the age-old excuses; business is bad, they will have to close their doors, etc., etc., in spite of the fact that they have signed an agreement which pledges them to negotiate wage scales. The Employers following custom which has been popular among them in the past, continue to dodge, stall, and chisel. It was made clear that all of the talk around the terms of the agreement, by the bosses and their agents, is so much chaff in the wind, used to confuse the one crystal clear issue.

The Union has long ago, even before the strike, presented its demands, worked out with great care and in full detail. They have been on file with the Regional labor Board for months. Every Employer is familiar with the provisions of these demands. What is lacking is not knowledge of these demands but a willingness to grant these demands.

In view of the serious situation created by the arrogance of the Employers brought out in the report, the committee made the following proposal.

- (1) That Local Union 574 call a strike conference of all Transportation Unions to be held within five days.
- (2) The conference to prepare for the necessary action to force wage increases.

The proposals were endorsed unanimously with the understanding that the machinery for action is to be set in motion immediately. Thursday night, June 28, has been set for the conference

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Where Are You, Laundry Drivers?

If there are any workers in any line that are not getting the wages they earn, they are the laundry drivers. Not only are they not paid by the hour, week, or month, but unless they bring in a "reasonable" amount of business, they are **not paid at all**. What a terrible condition faces the laundry driver that has spent the working years of his life in this industry. Where once he was guaranteed at least a salary of \$15.00 to \$25.00 per week, today he is working on a straight commission which puts him against all of the other workers in his own industry. We would not need workers organizations if it were not for the fact that the **Bosses Are Organized. Laundry Drivers!** Did you ever notice that when one firm raises their prices that all prices go up at the same time. Do the Bosses organize? Well! What more do you drivers want to know? Oh, Yes! Some Bosses have a "Chosen few" who get all of the good business, while the fellow that works on commission gets what he can pick up. Is this fair? What will we call these favored few? Shall we have a contest to find a name for this type? Just join the Union, fellows, as we already have a name and also a remedy. I'll bet you'll be there if you're **Right**.

Finks!

Local No. 574 is in possession of a complete list of the names of those Slimy creatures, we cannot call them men, who served as special police during the last strike. We not only have the names, but also the addresses, amount of time served by each, and the amount of cheese due each rat. Now the question arises, "Would the Membership, like to have this list published in serial form in the 574 Organizer?" We can and will do this if you wish. Let's hear from you boys.

The "Low and Odor" League

We just found out this fellow John Dillinger is a "Piker." The Government is offering only \$10,000 Bucks for his capture.—Small town stuff—Why; he only killed fifteen or twenty people. Right here in our own home town; The "low and odor league" is offering \$20,000 for any information leading to the apprehension of the exterminator of a couple of rats. **THIS IS A FAST ist town. What?**

Does your news stand sell The Organizer?

Organizational Developments

Grocery Workers Strengthen Organization

The Grocery Industry Group of Local No. 574 has proposed a plan which is intended to solidify the ranks of 574 and make it possible to carry out a definite and effective campaign to increase our membership. This plan embodies the setting up of definite organizational machinery within each group and provides for a definite coordination between the groups and the central committee. The Committee is very much in sympathy with this proposal and has taken up the task of making the plan applicable to all groups.

Job Committee and Stewards

Many of the transfer and market workers have set up the job committee and steward system on the job and are very much pleased with the results obtained. This committee usually consists of three members with the chairman also serving as steward. Under this set-up it is possible to quickly settle any minor grievances and to carry on organizational work and maintain the regular payment of dues in support of the organization. The Committee recommends the widest possible application of this system.

New Button

At the request of the petroleum and inside workers, the Committee is devising a new button which will be more representative of the character of 574.

Union Filling Stations

- Albertson & Dick—Kunz.....29th & Blaisdell
- Peterson—Kunz5400 43d Ave. S.
- Ternell—Tydol42d Ave. & 41st St.
- Barnsdall—Barns.53d & M'haha
- Washburns—Tydol52d & M'haha
- Ray Shultz—BlauMorgan & Lowry
- Conoco Station—Conoco.....Glenwood & Cedar Lake Rd.
- Earl's—Texaco53d & M'haha
- Grant's—Texaco29th & Park
- Lund's Service Stations—Texaco.....2500 Franklin Ave. 4060 M'haha Ave.
- Larson & Slamm—Texaco 3200 Washington Ave. N.
- Spinner & Jossart—Texaco....4301 Cedar Avenue
- Meyers—Texaco38th & Oakland
- White & Moberg—Texaco....38th & Long-fellow
- Three Co'op. Oil Co. Stations.

Package Delivery

One of the outstanding developments in the days following the Strike has been the steady influx of package delivery men into the union. Local 574 counts as one of its best sections these men who have worked long hours for years at a small wage under non-union conditions. Loyal and persistent work on the part of a number of outstanding union men among the package delivery workers has been productive. Now the union ranks are being swelled daily by new applications. What could be more indicative of the union spirit that rolls up like a tidal wave than a flock of 574 buttons in the package delivery sections?

Union Study Class

What promises to be one of the best features of our organizational and development work is the Friday night class which is in the process of working out a definite course of lectures and study in connection with Trade Union History, Union Structure, and Strike Strategy. Due to the pressure of work which developed about the wage arbitration set up, and special meetings, last week's class was not assembled. This week with new forces to aid in the work, the class will organize for future meetings.

Ladies Auxiliary Give Benefit Dance

During the recent strike an organization was born which bids fair to play a very important part in the labor movement of Minneapolis. Local No. 574, realizing the tremendous power of women, called upon their wives, mothers and sisters for aid. Women flocked to General Headquarters to take part in the all important detail work necessary. Trained office workers took over the signing of applications, gas cards, and phone calls. Others made short work of the feeding of five thousand men. Some militant women took up the battle on the picket line.

Since the strike the important work of feeding the families of those injured, discriminated against, or jailed has been taken over by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

This work must go on. To do so it is necessary to raise money. In order to raise sufficient money to carry on, the Ladies' Auxiliary will open the new headquarters at 225 South Third Street for a Grand Opening Benefit Dance, Saturday, June 30, 1934. It is the just duty of every No. 574 man who is working to buy at least two tickets. Give us your support in order that we may keep in effect our own motto: "We help our own."