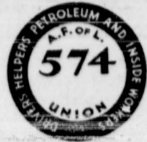


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Workers Mobilize Monday

Militia Court Sentences Six

Union Calls for Release of All Pickets

Coming down with a heavy hand on peaceful picketing, a military court early today handed out a series of sentences at hard labor in the stockade. The Strike Committee of 100 calls upon the Central Labor Union, all brother unions and all workers of the city to protest immediately to Governor Olson against this persecution of exploited workers who tried to exercise their constitutional rights in a struggle to organize and win decent living conditions.

The heaviest sentence handed out by the vicious anti-labor military court was one of 90 days, given to Harold Beal, Nels Wold and L. Gale were given 60 days each. Thomas Donahue, Elmer Patterson, and John Schmidt were given 30 days each.

These prisoners were defended by Irving Green, member of the strike committee's legal staff, who has been a leading figure in the court room defense work ever since the opening of the strike.

Two prisoners were released from the stockade, one of them being Dr. Enright, arrested for the crime of giving first aid to workers shot by Johannes' cops, and a youth named Irving Schein, captured on the morning of the invasion of strike headquarters by the militia. Schein, whose crime seems to be writing imaginative literature for an unnamed newspaper, is a university student.

There remain in the stockade 120 prisoners. Most of these prisoners were arrested by the militia without any charges of overt action. Seeking to contact the scabs, and to ask them to stop taking the bread out of the mouths of honest workers' families, these men were taken in by the soldiers while they rode peacefully through the city streets.

A request made of Colonel McDevitt by Albert Goldman for a general pass admitting mothers, wives and children to visit the prisoners in the stockade has been refused. A delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 574 visited Colonel McDevitt last night and was refused the release even of those prisoners who are ill or who had families in dire need of their presence.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has appointed a special committee to take charge of the concentration camp prisoners' daily needs, such as cigarets, fresh clothing, and the like. On this committee are Mrs. Jessie Bergland and Mrs. Moe Hork, whose husband is one of the prisoners and a member of the executive board of Local 754.

The prisoners in the stockade, who include some of the finest fighters in the ranks of Local 574, are in good spirits. They have organized themselves, established their own leading committee and camp police, held several business meetings, and will hold a "Prisoners' Mass Meeting" in the stockade tonight to discuss the latest developments in the strike situation and to add their own voices to the chorus of demands for their immediate release.

Being dissatisfied with conditions as they first were in the stockade, the prisoners, with the participation of Brothers Bill Brown, Vincent Dunne and Miles Dunne, who were also in the concentration camp, laid a number of demands before the military officers in charge. As a result of this move and the pressure of the aroused workers of the city at large, conditions in the concentration camp have now improved. The fight on behalf of these prisoners, however, will not be abandoned as long as one of them remains unfreed.

Their arrest has been a great blow to the strike. Governor Olson, who claims that the raid on headquarters was a move to help the strike, has not yet suggested that he ordered General Walsh to have these arrests made for the help of the strikers. But in any case no one will be deceived. We want these brothers back on the picket line where they belong.

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

All the new moves that are being made in the strike situation, and the feverish intensification of the negotiations aiming at a settlement, spell just one thing for the members of our Union who understand the real state of affairs—victory is in our grasp. Our primary problem at the moment is to hold fast to the position we have won in struggle, to keep our eyes open and see to it that we are not cheated out of the victory that is rightly ours.

Negotiations for a settlement now have the center of the stage. The union, the employers, the federal mediators and Governor Olson are all participating more actively, and more concretely, in this phase of the question than at any time since the strike began 19 days ago. This is always a critical period in a strike. Negotiations are treacherous waters. Clear heads and steady hands are needed to steer the union ship through them. Many a good fight of the workers, won on the picket line, has been lost in the peace negotiations.

Our enemies are full of tricks. They live by their wits. They are experts in the art of fooling and befuddling the workers. Up till the present time, however, they didn't succeed in catching our Union in any of the traps they baited for it. That is the main reason for their objections to the Union leadership. If we hold our lines firm now, and keep our heads clear in the negotiations, a successful ending of the strike can be achieved.

The latest statement of Governor Olson reflects the tremendous pressure that has been exerted by the magnificent struggle of the rank and file of Local 574 and the stormy protests of other unionists against the shameful actions of which he was guilty during the past week. There is absolutely nothing strange in the fact that the Governor has made some concessions to this working class pressure. As Governor of the state he wields a great power, but it is by no means a completely independent personal power. As a Farmer-Labor Governor he is obliged to depend on the support of the farmers and the organized workers. They put him in office and they should not be the least bit bashful in presenting demands to him. He can ignore them only by committing political suicide.

The turn he has taken in his latest statement is only an expression of his recognition of this logic. Therefore it should not be regarded by the workers as a "favor" to them but rather as a testimony to the power of their own independent movement. The independence and the power of the organized labor movement—this is what is decisive in our struggle, nothing else.

The Governor's declaration that he is going to cancel all permits for truck movements of all employers who do not comply with the Haas-Dunnigan settlement proposals is substantially what the union demanded long ago. Instead of that, however, he turned all the force of military tyranny against the union and the strike. The heaviest blows directed against us since the strike began came precisely from Governor Olson and the National Guard of which is is the Commander-in-Chief. The working people of Minneapolis will never forget that. And they will never forgive it.

At this writing 120 pickets are confined in the military stockade. No exploiters of labor are there, none of the pirates who sail under the black flag of the Citizens Alliance, no imported finks and thugs. Only the workers striking for a piece of bread, the pickets of Local 574—the flower of the Minneapolis la-

bor movement—only these are subjected to this shameful indignity, this hateful military oppression.

Feeble efforts are being made in certain quarters—even in the upper circles of the organized labor movement—to "whitewash" Governor Olson. It is being explained that his military raid on our headquarters and the arrest of our leaders and members were meant to "help" the strikers. Go and tell that to the 120 pickets in Olson's stockade. Explain to them the great favor that he has done for them and for the strike.

Nobody is going to fool us with such treacherous reasoning. Nothing will induce us to relax our vigilance and rely on the friendship of Governor Olson or anybody else to win our battle for us. We are going to rely now in this critical period, as in the past, on our own strength and on the sympathy and solidarity of our fellow workers and brother unionists. That, and that alone, is the power that will bring us to victory.

The whole strategy of our union boils down to this:

The workers do not win victories by means of tricks and clever maneuvers. They win them by fighting for them. This has been the central policy of Local 574. It has built our union into a mighty power. It has carried us to the point where today victory is in our grasp. Do not let it slip away. Hold the line firm. Tighten your belts over the weekend. Turn out to the great mass meeting at the Parade grounds Monday night. Register there the iron determination of Local 574 to carry on the fight to a victorious conclusion.

More "Law and Order"

Two pickets were shot down this morning in cold blood.

Less than 24 hours after The Organizer revealed the presence in Minneapolis of imported thugs of the Bergoff strike-breaking and murder agency of New York City, a driver of a Jersey Ice Cream Co. truck emptied his shotgun into Earl Collins and George Schirts, our brother strikers and picketers.

The Jersey Ice Cream Co. is a notorious anti-labor crew.

Thus we have not only persecution by the cops under Bloody Johannes and Olson's state troops under General Walsh, but now we have open brigandage by private companies.

Collins and Schirts were engaged in peaceful picketing not a block and a half from Strike Headquarters, less than half a mile from Military Headquarters in the Armory. And the cock-and-bull yarn is that on that spot, in the broad light of day, these men tried to dismantle the truck driven by the scabby Leo Holscher who fired the shot.

Where are the witnesses? Surely you can not set about dismantling a huge truck at the corner of 4th Ave. and 9th Street without having somebody see you do it. Who saw it?

No, this is a simple case of a scab trying to terrorize our pickets with hot lead. There is no crime the bosses will hesitate to commit in order to smash our strike. This is "law and order" as the Citizens Alliance and the Employers Advisory Committee means it!

But there is no attack which our pickets cannot deal with. There are not enough scabs and thugs and shotguns in the state to break our spirit. Imported gunmen will not do it either. We close our ranks, clench our fists, march forward! Peaceful picketing goes on!

Knoll Meeting At Eight P. M.

Released Leaders and Counsel to Speak

Another enormous turnout of Minneapolis workers has been scheduled for Monday night at a mass meeting called by the Strike Committee of 100. This meeting will be held on the Knoll at the Parade grounds, due to the fact that the militia are preventing any outdoor meetings at strike headquarters. This is just another way in which martial law is helping the strike.

The purpose of Monday night's mass meeting will be to review the events of the last few days and those which will transpire over the weekend, to protest against the blows which have been dealt to the strike by the military regime set up by Governor Olson, and to discuss the prospects for a settlement of the strike. The views of the officials of Local 574 and of the Strike Committee of 100 toward the latest proposals made respecting settlement will be discussed at this meeting.

A special committee will be in charge of arrangements for the meeting, which will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

The speakers of the evening will include William S. Brown, president of Local 574, and Vincent and Miles Dunne of the Organizing Committee of 574, all of whom will be making their first appearance at a mass meeting since their release from the Fair Grounds concentration camp where they were imprisoned by Governor Olson's National Guard.

In addition, Albert Goldman, member of the union's legal staff, who has played an important role in the fight for the liberation of the imprisoned strikers from the military stockade, will speak. The newly established advisory committee of the Central Labor Union will also be represented by a speaker. This committee is composed of leading Central Labor Union.

It is very important, according to the Strike Committee of 100, that every worker, organized or unorganized, turn out for Monday night's mass meeting at the Parade. Information of importance to every section of the labor movement will be made public at that time. In the series of mass meetings which Local 574 has been holding, to keep the workers of the city acquainted with the latest developments and to give an opportunity to show their sympathy for the strikers, each meeting has been larger and more enthusiastic than the preceding one. The strike committee calls upon the workers of Minneapolis to make this Monday night meeting the greatest of all.

JOHN BELOR BURIED

The funeral of John Belor, shot by Bloody Johannes' yeggs on Bloody Friday, was held early this afternoon. Thousands of workers attended. The Strike Committee of 100 and Local 574 were officially represented by three pallbearers, Cliff Hall, Business Agent of 574, and Sam Swanson and Fay Cipperley of the Strike Committee. A full report of the funeral will appear in Monday's Organizer.

NO ORGANIZER TOMORROW

The daily strike bulletin is scheduled to appear six times a week. Because of the situation then prevailing, a special issue was published last Sunday. There will, however, be no issue tomorrow. The next edition will appear early Monday afternoon.

All Out Monday Night
Knoll, Parade Grounds, 8 p. m.

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