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To All Truck Drivers, Helpers, Platform Men and Inside Workers Eligible to Vote in the Elections: And Members

For five weeks, thousands of men refused to work. They made great sacrifices. Scores shed their blood. Two, Henry B. Ness and John Belor, gave their lives.

The Central Labor Union and the State Federation of Labor endorsed these actions. Labor organizations throughout the country sent resolutions of moral support and gave financial aid.

Why did these workers strike, why did they sacrifice, fight and die, why did others regard them as heroes? Not because they were pig-headed or foolish or blind or troublesome.

Quite the contrary. It was because they were reasonable and sensible and brave and knew their own interests.

The interests of all truck drivers, helpers, platform men and inside workers are bound up with Local 574. The bosses do not want to raise our wages or shorten our hours of work. They do not want to improve the conditions of work or give us security on the job. They do not want us to be upstanding, independent men.

They want to exploit us, to keep an absolute power over us, to pay us miserable wages and to make us thank

them for it. They say they cannot afford higher wages. If they will cut their own profits they can afford higher wages easily. If they will give up a few luxuries, then they will be able to pay every worker in the industry a wage which will enable us all to maintain our families in decency.

How can we make them pay us decent wages, cut

our hours and give us a decent life?

Only through a union, through a workers' union in-dependent of the bosses. This union is Local 574. Through Local 574, banded together in solidarity, we can prevent wage cuts and compel wage raises.

It was for this we were fighting. It was because they understood this that so many workers supported us. They saw that if Local 574 would win, the standard of living of the workers in trucking industries would be raised, and that this in turn would make it easier for other workers to demand higher wages.

The boss will tell you different. The boss will tell you that Local 574 is made up of gangsters, murderers, firebrands, swindlers, thieves, baby-killers and the scum of the earth. But you know us and you know the boss lies.

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The boss committee is a fake union, a company union. Throughout the country, in the great fights in Toledo, Detroit, the steel industry, the workers have rejected such company unions. They have voted for real unions. They know what it is all about. Follow their example, not the advice of the boss who sweats and exploits you, who uses your labor power and pays you a few pennies and then throws you out on the street.

Why is the boss trying to get you to vote against the

union?

Is it for his benefit or yours?

Does the boss do anything except for his benefit?

You know that when the boss gives advice it is because he thinks that advice will help him. Do not listen to his advice. Do not fall for his flattery or his threats or his promises.

Do not argue with him. Just make up your mind to be a man, a courageous an intelligent man.

Go to the polls tomorrow. Cast your ballot for 574. boss will never know what hit him.

The union will win and it will represent all the workers in the coming arbitration. In this way the workers will an American standard of living.

The alternative is to vote for the boss committee and rapped over the head by the boss the next day.

For higher wages—vote for Local 574. For shorter hours—vote for Local 574.

For better conditions—vote for Local 574.
For job security—vote for Local 574.
For independence—vote for Local 574.
For your wives and children—vote for Local 574.
Cast your ballot with Henry B. Ness and John Belor, the martyred heroes whose names are honored by work-

from coast to coast. TONIGHT, whether you are a union man or not, come to Eagles Hall, 4th Ave. and 8th St. S., and hear our

TOMORROW, VOTE FOR LOCAL 574!

Non Members Are Invited

Importance of Elections to Be Explained

Tonight's meeting under the auspices of Local 574 at Eagles Hall, 4th Ave. and South 8th St., will be open to all truck drivers, helpers, platform men and market neipers, platform men and market inside workers whether they are members of the Union or not, ac-cording to an announcement made this morning by President William S. Brown.

The purpose of tonight's meeting will be twofold.

In the first place, several speakers will explain to the non-union men why they should vote to be represented by Local 574 in the coming arbitration negotiations with the bosses. The various ways in which all the workers stand to gain by being represented by the Union will be pointed out.

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Union leaders will be the chief speakers at tonight's meeting, which will begin promptly at 8 p. m. President Brown, Vincent R. Dunne and Miles Dunne of the Organizing Committee, and Farrell Dobbs, editor of the Organizer, will be on the program. Questions will be answered concerning the elections.

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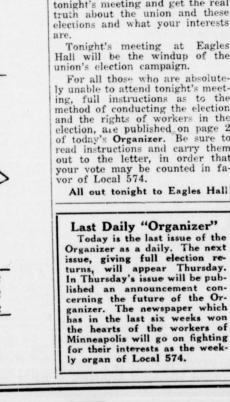
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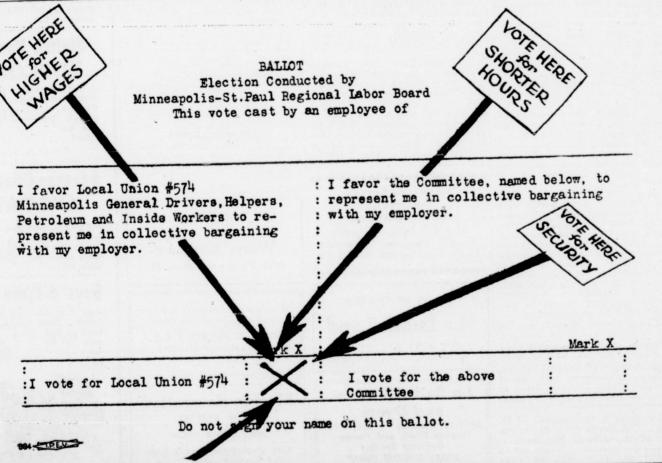
All non-union workers eligible to vote are urged to attend tonight's meeting. The elections are as important to you as they are to union members. The boss has been giving you a lot of boloney about why you should vote against the union. You know perfectly well that the boss's advice is meant for his own benefit. Do not fall for that stuff. Come to tonight's meeting and get the real truth about the union and these elections and what your interests are.

Tonight's meeting at Eagles Hall will be the windup of the union's election campaign.

For all those who are absolutely unable to attend tonight's meeting, full instructions as to the method of conducting the election and the rights of workers in the election, are published on page 2 of today's Organizer. Be sure to read instructions and carry them out to the letter, in order that your vote may be counted in favor of Local 574.

All out tonight to Eagles Hall!





Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Brown Sure 574 Will Win

Calls All Workers to Back Union

Interviewed on the eve of the election this afternoon, President Brown expressed supreme confi-dence that the union would sweep the industry.

"Of course every union member is going to vote to be represented by Local 574. This includes a considerable number of men who did not belong to the union before the strike but who joined during the strike or since its settlement. More and more the workers are learning not to be workers are learning not to be misled by the bosses. They are joining the union and they are going to vote for it.

"Furthermore, we are assured of the support of a considerable number of workers who have not yet joined the union for one reason or another, but who realize very well that the only way their interests can be properly repre-sented in negotiations and arbitration is by an independent union. They know that the bosses' plan is a plan of company union-ism, and no worker ever accepts company unionism except at the point of a gun."

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Asked what the victory of the union in the elections will signify for the workers, President Brown made the following statement:

"If the union wins—and it will win—we will represent all the workers in the arbitration proceedings to begin shortly. Representing such a force, we will demand and we will get higher wages for all workers. This applies both to the market and the non-market groups.

"Furthermore, we will get them security on the job. There will be no more arbitrary hiring and firing by dictatorial bosses."

Past Assures Victory

"On the other hand," President Brown continued, "the defeat of the union, which is inconceivable after the glorious demonstrations of solidarity we have had in the last few months, would mean a disaster to every worker.

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"We are well aware that the bosses are making all sorts of promises to non-union workers on condition that they beat the union in this election. But this very fact is enough to make any sensible worker suspicious. Why should the bosses offer to pay money for votes? Only because they fear that the victory of the union would benefit the workers at the cost of the bosses. The boss may offer bribes and even give a dollar or two to a worker tonight or tomorrow morning. But tonight or tomorrow morning. But if he could once trim the union,

he would then crack down on the very men he is flattering today.

"The simple truth of the matter is that the bosses are and have been for some time planning a general attack on the standards of living of the workers in the general attack on the standards of living of the workers in the industry. Business has been bad and the bosses do not like to stand any of the suffering. They want to take it all out of the workers by cutting wages, lengthening hours, etc. This they were doing bit by bit for some time until Local 574 put on its spring organization drive.

"The drive in itself was enough to scare the bosses into granting a raise in wages, the first given since 1921. They would immediately take that raise back if they could beat the union.

"As a matter of fact, we know

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"As a matter of fact, we know from friends who attended meetings of the employers before the May strike that the bosses have a program of reducing the workers to a status lower than they have ever had since 1913. The victory of the union will prevent such an attack on our standard of living.

"An American standard of living of the workers can be safeguarded in only one way and that is by voting for Local 574 in the elections tomorrow. That is the road and the only road to higher wages, shorter hours, security on

wages, shorter hours, security on the job, decent working conditions

and manly independence.
"We count on every red-blooded worker to come along with the

union tomorrow.

"Local 574 has won three strikes and two elections in the past eight months. Tomorrow we will chalk up one more victory."

A VOTE for 574 is a VOTE FOR HIGHER WAGES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- 1. Elections will be held Tuesday, August 28,
- The voting will be done in Fire Station No.
 at 13th St. and Yale Place, between Nicollet and Hennepin Avenues.
- 3. The following workers have the right to
 - a) All drivers, helpers and platform men in the 144 non-market houses, who on the payroll on July 16, 1934.
 - All drivers, helpers, platform men AND INSIDE WORKERS in the 22 market houses, who were on the payroll on July 16, 1934.
 - c) All extra men who were employed reg-ularly before July 16 are eligible to vote, even if they happened to miss a day's work on July 16.
- 4. If you have not yet been rehired, but were on the payroll on July 16, you have a right to
- 5. Those not on the payroll on July 16 have no right to vote (except extra men, 3c above).
- 6. Salesmen cannot vote. But anybody who devotes less than 60 percent of his working time to selling is an inside worker and not a sales-man. He has the right to vote.
- 7. If you are out of work but were on the payroll on July 16, go to the boss early Tuesday morning and get your registration card. Then
- 8. In order to vote you must have a registration card. The Regional Labor Board has ordered your boss to give you one. This card shows the bosses' name, your name, your home address, your exact occupation, and your July 16 payroll number. Bring your registration card with you to the polls.
- If on Tuesday morning you have no card, and think you should have one, come to the voting place anyway and report there to the election supervisor and the union officials.
- 10. The boss must give you time to vote. If he does not give it to you, he is breaking the agreement. Take time.
- 11. The ballot will be secret and the boss will never know how you voted.

Set September 4th as

The national strike committee of the United Textile Workers has sent out instructions to all sec-tional heads to strike on Sept. 4th. On this date almost a million workers will leave the factories to face their exploiters across the nicket lines.

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Properly handled and ably led, the coming strike of the nation's cotton, silk, rayon and woolen workers could strike a punishing blow in labor's fight for its rights.

This strike and its outcome are of major importance to workers all over the country.

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Demands of the textile workers include Union recognition, higher wages, shorter hours, elimination of the vicious "stretchout," and no discrimination against militant workers.

On Saturday huge mass meetings of workers were held in all the battle areas. Workers and their allies, the unemployed, showed the greatest enthusiasm for the approaching struggle.

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They eagerly await the chance to strike a blow to end the intolerable conditions under which they

have been ground down for so

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Textile Union | see any "just cause for pride" in the textile industry. It is only the multimillionaire textile bosses who

- 12. There will be two union watchers at the polls, and they will protect your interests. These watchers will also be present when the ballots
- 13. The ballot will show two opposing tickets. See the sample on page 3. An x-mark for one of these tickets is the only mark you should make on the ballet.
- 14, One of the tickets is Local No. 574. The other ticket will be a list of names of men working in your firm. Vote for the ticket which says "I VOTE FOR LOCAL UNION NO. 574." Put an x-mark in that box.
- 15. No matter whose names appear on the opposing list, turn it down. Even if they are opposing list, turn it down. Even if they are your friends or union leaders, do not vote for them. Even if you see your own name, do not vote for it. If you vote for the ticket of individual names, you will be voting against the union and for the boss.
- 16. If the boss asks your permission to use your name on his ticket, refuse. He has no right to use it without your permission. You will be represented ONLY by the Local 574 ticket.
- 17. All union men should urge all non-union men to vote the Local 574 ticket. Give them a copy of these instructions. Explain that the ticket of individual names is the bosses' ticket, and that every worker should vote only for the union.
- 18. When you get to the voting place, do not let anybody stampede you or frighten you. Take your time. Our watchers will see to it that nothing is put over on you.
- If the boss or anybody else tries to in-timidate or influence you, inform the union at
- 20. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT ANYTHING CONCERNING THE ELECTION, GET IN TOUCH WITH UNION HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY. TELEPHONE ATLANTIC 3773 OR GO TO 225 SOUTH THIRD ST. ASK FOR A UNION OFFICIAL. THEY WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU.
- 21. If you are in any doubt as to where to mark the ballot in order to vote for Local 574, ask the election supervisor. He will tell you.
- 22. DO NOT FAIL TO TURN OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR LOCAL 574.

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In Milwaukee 800 striking

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In Milwaukee 800 striking

In Milwaukee 800 striking workers of the Geuder, Paeschke and Frey Company (enamelers) have forced production to a standstill. Demands are a 30% pay increase and Union recognition.

Local 574 pledges its solidarity to our brother textile workers who are girding themselves for battle.

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