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**Teamsters Join
Dock Workers
in Frisco Strike**

BULLETIN
As we go to press, there comes the news that the teamsters of San Francisco and Oakland, revolting against exploitation on their own jobs as well as against the boss terror used on the striking waterfront workers, have gone out on strike, 3,700 strong. With trucking strikes looming in Duluth and St. Paul, as well as Minneapolis, it begins to look as though the crowd in control of the International Union may have their hands full.

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Comrade Thor Dead
San Francisco.—The proletariat of America lost one of its staunchest and most courageous fighters with the passing of Comrade Andy Thor. The strain of long weeks directing the picket lines of the water front strike told at last on a heart whose every beat was for the working class. Comrade Andy, still at his post of duty, was found dead at the wheel of his car.

Fearing foul play, for comrade Andy is not the only striker who has been found dead at his post of duty, his comrades instituted an autopsy independent of the original police verdict but it was comrade Andy's heart swollen from the terrific strain of loading cargoes that had faltered.

His brave wife, his two beautiful children and his comrades mourn the passing of this lovable and courageous worker.

Mass Meeting of Local 574 Unanimously Accepts Call for Walkout; Repudiates Tobin-Bosses Red Scare

PRESIDENT BROWN TEACHES TOBIN LESSON IN UNIONISM

"The cry of Communism raised by those who have contributed nothing to the organization of our Union or to the conduct of the recent strike is in itself a condemnation of those who helped raise the cry. We organized drivers, helpers, petroleum workers, and inside workers for the specific purpose of securing for them shorter hours and higher wages. To do this we use the structure provided by the American Federation of Labor. We have confined our efforts to trade union activities. The union is conducted as a democratic, economic instrument to achieve its ends set forth above. The political affiliations of our membership is not the concern of the leadership or of the rank and file. Every worker has complete freedom in this respect. This is one of the fundamental principles of organized labor."

Quoted from the *Organizer*, Vol. I, No. 3.

10,000 March in Big Labor Parade

Minneapolis.—On Friday night, July 6, workers of the Twin Cities massed solidly in the greatest demonstration of militant labor solidarity Minneapolis has ever seen to show their unanimous support of the fight being put up by the General Drivers, Helpers, Petroleum Workers and Inside Workers Union No. 574, against the lying and murderous onslaught of the Citizens' Alliance—an attack directed not only at the lives and living standards of the Drivers, but an attack upon the entire organized labor movement in Minneapolis. The great parade, culminating in an overflow mass meeting at the Municipal auditorium, recorded the enthusiastic sentiment of the Twin City working class for militant action in support of "Local 574," the pride of the labor movement here.

Beginning at six o'clock, laboring men and women filed into the Block 20 district. For over an hour steady streams of workers continued to pour into the workers' section of Minneapolis—teamsters, street car employees, building tradesmen, brewery workers, railroad workers, the organized unemployed, whole truckloads of delegates from the progressive Farmer's Holiday Association, scores of

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Minneapolis Sidelights

Minneapolis, July 11.—During last Friday's parade up Nicollet Ave. the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers (unemployed) which contains scores of the politically more advanced workers, pleased the thousands of spectators by singing working class songs along the line of march—Hold the Fort, Solidarity, Pie in the Sky. To many workers, such songs are a new experience. They showed their appreciation by applauding lustily and joining in when they could catch the words. All except a small group standing in front of a church on upper Nicollet. A horrified look appeared on the shiny faces of the Faithful as the M.C.C.W. swept by chanting "Preacher and the Slave".

Not only are the eyes of the American working class turned toward Minneapolis. With anxiety in their hearts the bosses from coast to coast are watching, baffled and troubled, the situation here. Walter Davenport of Collier's is in town. Correspondents from half a dozen big papers, including the yellow Chicago Tribune, arrived on Tuesday to cover the approaching events for their papers.

The re-write man on one of the largest local sheets has admitted that he is a member of the Silver Shirts—he says, "Ya, our government is almost perfect now; in a year or so—when we have a real dictatorship—it will be perfect; perfect for my class, but hell for the workers." Looks like we can

Daniel Tobin Goes to Bat For the Bosses

Joining his voice to that of the bosses in raising the Red-Scare against the militant leaders of Local 574 has been the contribution of Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, on the eve of the second strike.

This reactionary scab, who sits in a swivel chair the year round collecting the fat salary of \$10,000 per annum and expenses, who gave no cooperation to the workers in their first strike in Minneapolis, now comes to the fore—at the most crucial moment—showing his "solidarity" with the drivers by denouncing their sterling leadership as "radicals and Communists".

Solidarity it is. Solidarity with the bosses.

Tobin has already received the answer for his perfidious strike-breaking move.

From the bosses, praises and panegyric—big scarehead streamers in the Minneapolis capitalist rags.

A Smashing Repudiation
From the workers, a smashing repudiation. At the union meeting of July 9th of Local 574 full confidence in the leadership was manifested. And on the same night a conference of business agents in the Building Trades Unions met and voted to condemn Tobin's red scare and to reaffirm their full support of Local 574.

Of the leadership that led the whirlwind strike of ten days in May that brought victory into the lap of men who had never seen the inside of a union before, the employers' pal, Tobin says that "language describing, or capable of describing this class of serpent, in the shape of a working man would not be put into print. All we can say to our people is to beware of these wolves in sheep's clothing."

If Tobin believes, that by this treachery, for which the bosses undoubtedly show their gratitude, he can split the serrated ranks of 574 and set the workers against each other on an issue that will cripple their ranks and bring victory to the Citizens' Alliance then let him read the statement of William Brown, president of 574 and he will know that the Minneapolis drivers are ready to speak to him in one lan-

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BOSSSES WENT WILD WHEN THEY READ THIS SQUIB

The bosses quote this comment from the *Organizer* (Vol. I, No. 1), official organ of Local 574 and rave incoherently about respect for dead men.

"The 'Low and Odor' League"
"We just found out that this fellow John Dillingier 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 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."

"Notes from our Wild Animal Department:
"There will be less rats in the Central Market this summer. What Ho! Grand Jury!"

Red Herring Cover For Real Issues

Despairing of swindling the Minneapolis workers out of their strike-won wage increases by a broad campaign of public intimidation which reeks with insinuation and calumny, the Citizens Alliance has resorted to the time worn method when all others fail—the Red Scare.

In dragging the red herring across the front page of the prostituted capitalist press the Minneapolis bosses are trying to divert attention from the outstanding issue before the Minneapolis working class.

The Real Issue
That issue, recognized by every working man in the Twin Cities, is the stubborn refusal of the employers to increase the wretched wages of the drivers and to deal with the inside men as represented by 574.

They charge the union leadership with being Communists. By that they hope to estrange the sympathy of the Minneapolis toilers and to split the solid phalanx of the Drivers Union.

Reports in another column of the *Militant* show what a complete dud their red scare turned out to be.

In this campaign to terrorize public opinion the Minneapolis bosses have found themselves in hearty agreement with Dan Tobin, International Teamsters President. The Minneapolis *Daily Star* features the revolting attack on the local leadership under a big scare head, "COMMUNISTIC, RADICAL INFLUENCE IN LOCAL DRIVERS' UNION SCORED."

The leadership of the local union is branded as red because their direction was so effective. It is branded as Communist because it brought the bosses to their knees before they had time to consider a plan of battle. It is stigmatized as "radical" because the bosses feel themselves powerless against its unconquerable militancy.

A "Startling" Discovery
A "startling" discovery is made by the "Employers Advisory Committee, representing 106 Employers" in one of their half-page ads which costs them \$431.30 for one issue. With mock indignation they howl: "Further evidence of the type of men who are attempting to arouse honest workmen to vote a general strike is furnished in a handbill recently distributed in the streets of Minneapolis. This handbill issues a call for a mass meeting at which speakers (which the handbill identifies as 'outstanding strike leaders') will speak on the Minneapolis

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Housewarming

A housewarming party at the new headquarters of the New York Local of the Communist League of America will take place Saturday, July 14th at 8 P.M. The new headquarters are located at 144 Second Ave., corner 9th Street. A program of entertainment has been arranged for this occasion, food and refreshments will be served. All friends and sympathizers are invited.

Strike Call of Local 574 Central Labor Union Backs Drivers' Local

(By Airmail to the Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, July 11.—Since the settlement of the strike on May 25th, Local 574, through its duly authorized representatives, has been attempting to negotiate wage scales with the employers in accordance with the agreement which brought about the ending of the strike. We have attempted to settle with the employers all other matters left for negotiation. All these attempts to settle the dispute by negotiation, conducted with the greatest patience and persistence, have met with failure. The employers, egged on by the Union-hating Citizens' Alliance, behind which stand the banks and the sinister financial interests of Wall Street, have violated the agreement. They have set out to break our union and rob us of the fruits of our victory.

All the efforts of our Union, over a period of six weeks since the ending of the strike, to establish living wages and hours have been frustrated by the arrogant attitude of the employers. The Regional Labor Board by its action, or rather, by its failure to act, has aided in every case in upholding the hand of the employers. Every attempt of the Union to negotiate and secure satisfaction for the just demands of its members has been met with evasions, tricks and subterfuges. Every approach for practical discussions of our grievances has been answered by columns of paid newspaper advertisements filled with misrepresentations, lies and slanders against the union and its leadership.

THE AGREEMENT VIOLATED BY THE BOSSSES

The vital questions of wages and hours, which are of life and death concern to our members and their families, have been callously ignored. The right of the Union to represent all its members—which was explicitly agreed to in the strike settlement, has been denied. Seniority rules provided for in the agreement have been violated by the majority of the firms.

In this unscrupulous course, the Citizens' Alliance and the employers are seeking to shift the issue. They cloak their campaign to wreck the Trade Union movement and deprive the workers of decent human lives behind personal attacks on the leaders of the Union. The bosses want to dictate to the Union what leaders it should have. We reject this dictation. We have the right to be represented by leaders of our own choosing and we intend to assert this right. We reject the insolent demand of the Citizens' Alliance and the bosses to choose our leaders for us. Local 574 is a democratic trade union organization. Its membership is fully capable of deciding this question for itself without any advice from the exploiters of labor.

The general membership meeting declares that the leaders of our Union have faithfully served the interests of the membership. They have conducted themselves as responsible trade union officials and have not imposed on the Union any issues, political or otherwise, contrary to the interests of the Union and its members. They have shown their efficiency as organizers in the building of our Union. They have demonstrated their loyalty and courage under fire.

THE "RED SCARE" MANEUVER

The "Red Scare" of the Citizens' Alliance is nothing but a fraudulent manoeuvre to distract our attention from the struggle for decent living conditions and demoralize our ranks. They will not succeed. The conditions of our lives are too bitter. Nobody can divert us from the fight to better them.

We note with the greatest indignation that D. J. Tobin, President of our International organization, has associated himself with this diabolical game of the bosses by publishing a slanderous attack on our leadership in the official magazine. The fact that this attack has become part of the "ammunition" of the bosses in their campaign to wreck our union, is enough for any intelligent worker to estimate it for what it really is. We say plainly to D. J. Tobin: If you can't act like a Union man, and help us, instead of helping the bosses, then at least have the decency to stand aside and let us fight our battle alone. We did it in the organization campaign and in the previous strike and we can do it again. We received absolutely no help of any kind from you. Our leadership and guidance has come from our own local leaders, and from them alone. We put our confidence in them and will not support any attack on them under any circumstances.

We are fighting for more wages, for better hours and working conditions and for the right of Union organization. The conditions under which we work are intolerable for men who want to live as human beings and who aspire to provide a decent existence and a future for their families in this, the richest country in the world. That is our right. We have worked for it, and we intend to fight for it to the bitter end.

AN APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY

In doing so we feel deeply convinced that we are fighters for the preservation of the Trade Union movement and for the rights and interests of all workers. Our strength and confidence is multiplied by the conviction that our fellow workers and brother unionists in other trades, who helped us so nobly before, will rally to our aid again. We rely on the sympathy and solidarity of the other unions and workers organizations who endorsed our demands by their presence in the great labor demonstration Friday, July 6th. We appeal for the support also of the organizations of farmers and gardeners, of the unemployed workers, of the rank and file of small business and professional people—of all who are cheated and oppressed by the financial tyrants who turned our great rich country into a land of privation and misery for the masses.

We are confident that our appeal will not be in vain. Therefore, convinced of the justice of our cause, relying on our own strength and the sympathetic aid of the great majority of the population, the general membership meeting solemnly declares:

1. All members of Local No. 574 will go on strike for the enforcement of the Union demands on Monday, July 16th, at 12 o'clock midnight.
2. We call upon our sister Local No. 120 in St. Paul to take similar action at its general membership meeting Thursday night, and we pledge to Local 120 our solidarity and co-operation in a joint struggle to a successful conclusion.
3. We call upon all other trade unions in the Twin Cities to rally to our support with moral and financial aid and to hold themselves in readiness to take sympathetic strike action if such becomes necessary to secure our victory and smash the union-busting campaign of the Citizens' Alliance.

Central Labor Union Backs Drivers' Local

By JAMES P. CANNON

Minneapolis, July 11 (By Wire).—Spirit ran high among all sections of the Minneapolis working class tonight, as thousands of workers in a mass meeting of General Drivers Union 574 cast a unanimous vote to strike the transportation industry for the second time in less than sixty days. As a result of tonight's decision, Minneapolis will be tied up tight as a drum from Monday night until the bosses grant the union's demands.

It was announced at the meeting that a strike vote would be taken by the Duluth local.

The mass meeting boiled over with enthusiasm when the members of 574 were asked to adopt a vote of confidence in their local union leaders. Unanimously they repudiated the vicious attacks made on Wm. S. Brown, the Dunnes, Carl Skoglund and the other local leaders by the bosses and Dan J. Tobin, International President of the Brotherhood of Teamsters. Pointing out that the International has done nothing to help organize the Minneapolis truckers, they refused to be stampeded by the Red scare and reendorsed the leaders who built 574 and led it to victory in the spring.

While the members of 574 were taking these decisive steps, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union also held an important session. The resolution adopted by 574 was laid before this body, the controlling organ of the A. F. of L. in Minneapolis. Here, too, the response was unanimous. The resolution was adopted and the C.L.U. pledged full support to the coming strike. Thus Minneapolis labor gave an authentic class answer to the bosses and all their agents.

St. Paul to Vote on Strike

President Fleming of the St. Paul truckers, addressing the mass meeting, announced that on Thursday his organization, Local 120, will also take a strike vote. "We have the same grievances as you have," Fleming stated, "and we are for common action." Fleming also repudiated Tobin's attacks on the leaders of 574 which have been published as paid advertising in the *Employers Advisory Committee*, leader of the strike-breaking crowd. Among the speakers at the mass meeting were President Brown of Local 574, the three Dunne brothers—Vincent, Grant and Miles—and representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 574. One speaker declared on behalf of the latter, that "we will fight side by side with the men to the finish." Wild applause greeted her statement.

The militant spirit of the meeting quickly conveyed itself beyond the confines of the hall. Ever since the mass demonstration of last Friday the solidarity sentiment of Minneapolis workers has been moving to new heights. Tonight workers of many industries waited outside the truckers' meeting to get the decision.

In addition to this spirit of solidarity, there is a spirit of firm determination afoot. The last truckers' strike was a tough fight, but everyone is ready to face even tougher resistance.

Strike talk is spreading to other industries. Barbers, auto mechanics, laundry and dry cleaning workers, ice wagon drivers, retail clerks, street railway workers, dental mechanics, upholsterers and building trades workers all have long-standing grievances. The notion of a united struggle for decent conditions is rapidly gaining ground. The laundry and dry cleaning drivers have affiliated with Local 574, the third formerly independent group to take such action since the last strike victory.

Last minute frantic efforts of the bosses to head off the strike are now to be expected. They no doubt will intensify their slander campaign against the union leadership. Tonight's vote, however, makes one thing clear: the workers know their interests and are not to be drawn off by any red herrings.