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## Fight Cripples Strike of New York Painters

What amazes the trade-unionist of average honesty and intelligence, and fills him with disgust, is the ease with which the corrupt Zausner machine is running roughshod over what every painter thought were the natural and legal rights of members inside their own union.

For years the supporters of Zausnerism have proudly boasted that the union men in the Brotherhood are a class apart from the rest of the painters, that they possess skill, courage and brains, and that under no circumstances would they permit themselves to be victimized and enslaved by any group of self-appointed bureaucrats and gangsters.

Wide Open Racketeering  
Racketeering flourishes most freely at the present time in the Painters union. It is supposed to be un-American in principle, but seems to be really American in practice.

The Zausner machine makes loans, then doubles and multiplies its debts without creating any improvement for the painters. The painters have informed the officials in the past of their inability to pay dues and taxes.

The "brilliant" strike (Daily Worker, August 6) is now in its second week. Nothing has been accomplished so far.

General Strike in Knit Goods Trade  
Three thousand more knit goods workers walked out yesterday to join the twelve thousand who answered the strike call of their unions on Thursday.

The Knit Goods Workers Union and Locals 155 and 2085, under whose joint leadership the strike is conducted demand a 35-hour week instead of the former 37 1/2-hour schedule.

The walkout has caused complete paralysis of knit goods manufacturing operations in New York and New Jersey. The Metropolitan Knitted Goods Ass'n has shut down all of their 200 plants in the Metropolitan area.

Ben Golden, representative of the Labor Board here, and erstwhile ally of the employers, has called bosses' and strikers' representatives to a meeting at which he will attempt to "mediate" the differences.

## Report Silver Shirts Arming in San Diego

The danger of the rapid growth of the fascist movement in America can be adduced from the startling testimony recently given to a Congressional committee investigating the activities of the Silver Shirts in the San Diego region of California.

A direct link was established between the Nazi government of Berlin and purchases of arms by their American emulators for the purpose of training an American Storm Troop section.

The disclosures revealing a connection between the German government and Pelley's organization pointed to Dr. George Gysessing, the latter, Berlin vice-consul in Los Angeles, refused to appear before the committee, claiming diplomatic immunity.

Link Between Nazis and Silver Shirts  
A further link was seen between the latter organization and the German National Socialists in the parallelism existing between the two organizations.

Aping the German movement, the Pelley organization has carried on a vehement campaign against all Communists, Socialists and Jews. They have demanded the dismissal of the "Jewish advisers" of President Roosevelt, Morgenthau and Baruch.

The investigation further revealed, that besides having swastikas prominently displayed about their homes, the Silver Shirts have set up Storm Troop groups on the German model. It was for these Storm Troops that the arms and ammunition was purchased with this check coming from the office of the Consul General.

Collusion with Police and Soldiers  
A Marine corporal who had been sent into the Storm Troop group by the intelligence service of the army to investigate the disappearance of these rifles, revealed that some of them had been stolen, while others had been obtained for the Storm Troops by governmentals officials in sympathy with the fascist organization.

The aim and tactic of the Silver Shirts is made sufficiently clear. Their goal is a fascist state in which all labor organizations, political as well as trade union will be wiped out.

How the workers feel about the NRA has been indicated by the numerous strikes throughout the country. The bosses, however, registered their pleasures in quite another manner,—by the amount of profit they sweat from their wage slaves.

The U. S. Steel Corporation announced its highest profit in three years. While last year their profits amounted to a measly \$4,881,554 for the quarter ending June 30th, their profits for the same quarter this year amounted to \$21,082,000.

## 89,000 Represented as Illinois Jobless Organize

Marking one of the greatest forward steps in the organization of the unemployed in this country, representatives of 89,000 jobless workers gathered in Staunton, Illinois, and established the Illinois Workers Alliance.

100 delegates from 138 groups in forty-seven counties in Illinois climaxed eight months intense organizational activity in this convention. This new movement no doubt will be one of the great stepping stones towards a national mass movement that will give the unemployed a powerful weapon in the battle against starvation rations of government relief.

Condemn Roosevelt Program  
Resolutions were adopted by the first convention of the Illinois Workers Alliance condemning the failure of the Roosevelt administration to supply "even the most meager standards of subsistence relief or to supply a permanent solution for our troubles".

For Abolition of Capitalism  
Pointing out the trends towards Fascism and war, the resolution concluded with a call for the abolition of the capitalist system and the establishment of a workers republic.

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Danger of Craft Unionism  
The recent conference held in Detroit on June 23 could do nothing but occasion the greatest suspicion of the Automobile workers in the motives of Green and Collins, chairman of the National Council of Automobile Workers and A. F. of L. representative.

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"Patriotic Duty"  
"This settlement," says William Collins in the same issue of the Federationist, speaking of the betrayal in March, "was by no means satisfactory to the unions. Nevertheless union representatives looked

upon it as their patriotic duty to accept the settlement, since it was the direct request of President Roosevelt that they should do so; it was accepted on the assurance of the President that it was the best way out of a situation which might very well prove serious not only to the automobile industry but to the country as a whole, and might retard the entire recovery program."

There is no doubt that the action of the Detroit workers in the Hudson plant is the expression of a forward movement of the rank and file. As such it is a step that may herald big things in the automobile industry which will have immense repercussions throughout the entire labor movement.

Militant Executive Board  
An executive board among whom are men and women who have fought not only in the interests of the unemployed but whose names have been distinguished in the struggles of the Illinois coal miners was elected at the convention.

Very Discreet Omissions  
All this passed over Roosevelt like water off a duck's back. A naive person would surmise that there were no newspapers in the delightful millionaire's trip made by the president.

More power to it!

## Drivers Ranks Hold Firm As Bosses Committee of 166 Begins to Crack

### "Confidence is Returning" Says Artful Dodger Roosevelt

One of the dignities of the presidency is the art of talking much and saying little. Franklin D. Roosevelt once again showed himself to be a master of the dodging profession in his speech at Green Bay, Wisconsin on August 9.

Those who expected an expression of policy will be sadly disappointed in Roosevelt's address. Those who know his role will at once recognize the skillful game of playing for popular support by promising to promote the commonweal and boasting the taps of milk and honey that have been opened during his administration.

Roosevelt returned from his good-will trip to Hawaii aboard a battleship to find the nation he had hoped to reduce to tranquillity stirred up to turmoil. Strikes everywhere. Pickets murdered. Troops on the streets. Martial law declared in Minneapolis. NRA arbitration authorities taking the leadership of the strikebreakers.

But let there be no misunderstanding, the President did say something positive. He reassured the capitalist class that he means no money business. "The government intends no injury to honest business. . . . In this modern world, the spreading out of opportunity ought not to consist of robbing Peter to pay Paul."

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Credit Where It Is Due  
But Roosevelt is right. "Confidence is returning to the manufacturers who, in overwhelming numbers, are comparing the black ink of today with the many years gone by . . . to the fair and sincere bankers and financiers and business men, big and little, who now, for the first time, find government cooperating with them in new attempts to put the golden rule into the temples of finance."

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## 574 Backed By Workers In Mass Meet

Minneapolis, August 9.—While the ranks of 574 holds solid in the face of insuperable obstacles as the third week of the truckers strike reached its end deep cracks in the bosses' front are becoming more noticeable every day.

The beginning of a partial victory for the fighting drivers were in sight here when scores of small trucking employers began to operate vehicles after having consented to abide by the Haas-Dunnigan mediation proposal which has been accepted by the union.

On the other hand, the big enterprises, the notorious "166" most closely allied with the Citizens Alliance and instigators of the infamous red-scare, adamantly refuse to deal with 574 which they claim is led by Communists. Yet, the pinch of the strike which is eating away at their profits is making itself felt even among the recalcitrants.

Meanwhile martial law continues here. The freedom of the three strike leaders imprisoned by the military and the return of the strike headquarters to the union were a direct result of the call for a general protest strike of 574. The fever of indignation at their arrest and the sentiment for a general strike spread like wildfire throughout the Minneapolis labor movement.

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Governor Olson is continuing his double-faced maneuvers. On the one hand, forced by the pressure of the truck drivers and the working men of Minneapolis, he issues an order refusing military permits to all concerns not agreeing to the Federal Mediators' plan and on the other he keeps locked up in the military stockade 120 of the most militant pickets and picket captains who are the only ones who can really keep scab trucks from moving.

Now that the damage has been done and the blow of martial law already delivered to the strike, Olson is making desperate if not successful efforts to retrieve his reputation as a pro-labor man in the eyes of the strikers. This accounts for his denunciation of the police whom he claimed set "a deliberate trap" for the pickets on Bloody Friday. This statement was made at the Federal Court hearing where the employers applied for an injunction against martial law.

Answering the call of the union and testifying to the support it is receiving from the laboring population here, 40,000 workers massed on the knoll of the Parade on Monday night where they listened to addresses by union leaders who explained their attitude towards Governor Olson, martial law and the proposed "settlement" offered by the bosses.

This settlement, which offers no wage increases and would discriminate against outstanding pickets, (Continued on Page 4)