

From A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Workers Party...

By A. J. MUSTE MADISON, Wis.—The University of Wisconsin is becoming more conservative...

An old Brookwood graduate, though not a W.P. sympathizer, got up a meeting here at short notice...

Here our first taste of northwestern cold begins. The train is due at 1 A.M. It crawls in about 3 A.M.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Those of us who have heard former C.I.A. comrades go into ecstasies over the Minneapolis strikes...

Having now spent five days in Minneapolis, maybe I'll be accused of "putting it on thick" I must sing the praises of the movement here...

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Latest Order By F D Hides New Threat

Section 7(a) Likely to be Replaced by New Legislation

By ZACK ELDER WASHINGTON.—It was by no means extraordinary that the President should buckle under to the newspaper publishers...

(Jennings, a reporter on the San Francisco Bee, a Hearst paper, was fired for his attempts to organize the newspaper men of this paper into the Guild.)

Buckling under to the open-shop employers is the one talent which the President has never failed to manifest throughout the tortured history of Section 7a.

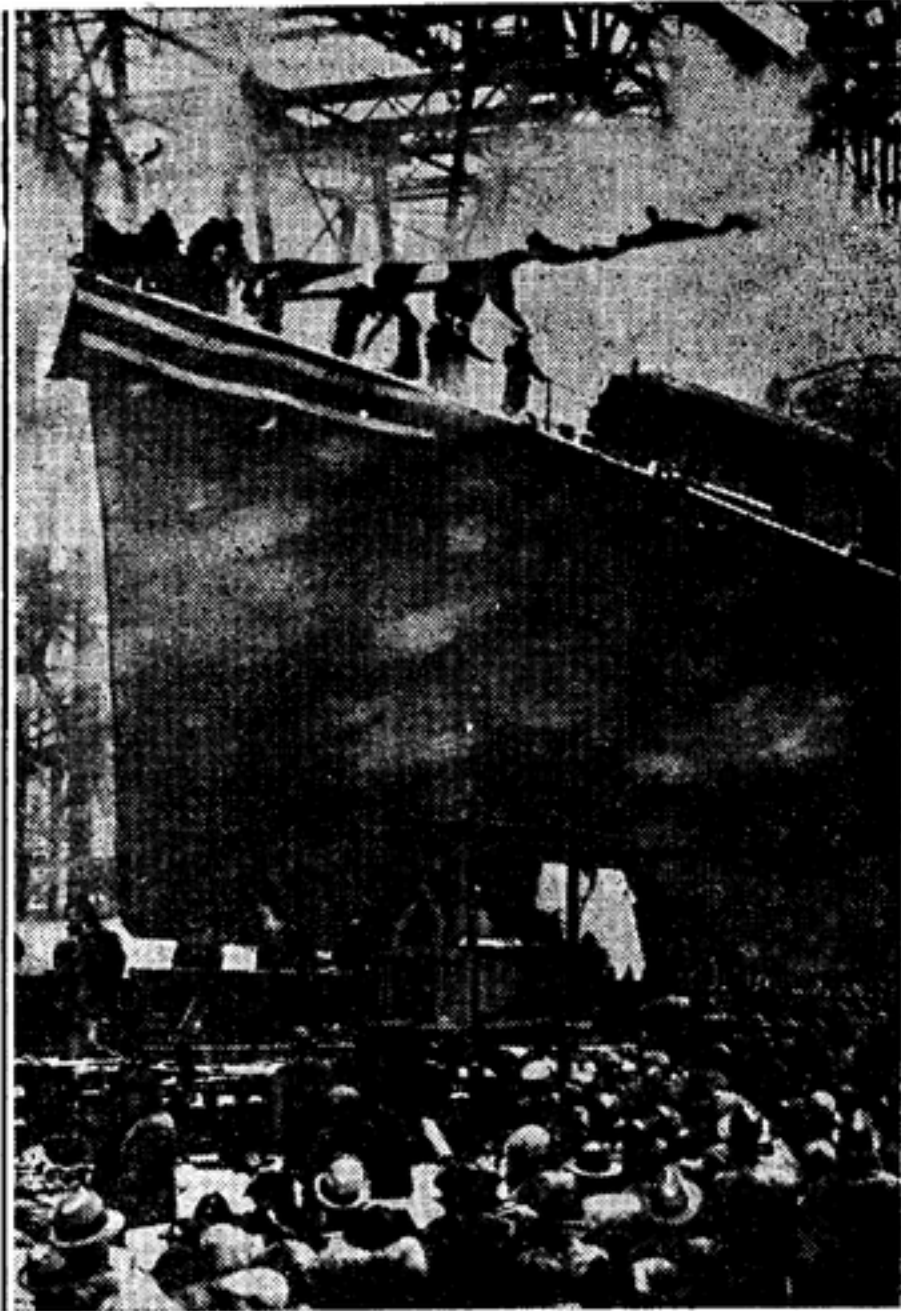
NATIONAL RUN AROUND'S NEW MANEUVER

But the President's order conceals a new maneuver on the part of the National Run Around. While the strike wave ran high, during 1933-1934, it was convenient to smother labor unrest by blanketing it under a whole series of industrial relations boards.

Their true purpose, however, was to end and avert strikes by spinning out endless miles of administrative red tape, and by guilting workers into the belief that the government would see that justice was done to them.

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New Deal Launches Another Gunboat



The 1,500-ton destroyer Dale is shown above as it slid down the ways of the Brooklyn navy yard. It's the latest product of the navy's building campaign...

Liberty of 18 Jeopardized As C.P. Splits Defense

SAN FRANCISCO.—The liberty of the 18 defendants in the Sacramento criminal syndicalism trials has been jeopardized by the action of members of the Communist party...

The agreement, signed by the Socialist party, the Workers Party, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Shipyard and Allied Workers Industrial Union, the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, the International Labor Defense, Machinists Local 68, Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and the Communist party...

There can be no question that the I.L.D. made no efforts to raise bail until the N.P.L.D., at the request of Warnick, began its own campaign and bailed out Warnick and Decker.

Not until December did the C.P. begin to set up any sort of pressure drive to support the defendants—and then they did it on the usual Stalinist basis: the C.P., the I.L.D., the regular brood of Stalinist offshoots, a few liberals and, symbolically, the HOLY (wholly?) INNOCENTS CHURCH of San Francisco.

Now to complete the disruption of the united front, the Stalinists have proceeded to call their own private conference, which in view of the attitude they take on enlist the support only of such organizations over which they exert direct control.

The non-Partisan Labor Defense, immediately after the Stalinists had destroyed the united front, set the wheels in motion for a reconcentration of all honest labor and sympathetic elements into a militant unified defense.

DOLL AND TOY WORKERS USE FLYING SQUADRON

Five hundred workers of the Doll and Toy Federal Union, New York local, struck Wednesday against sweatshop conditions, wages below the NRA minimum of \$12 per week and to extend unionism in the industry.

94 Strikers Arrested in Fargo N. Dakota by 300 Vigilantes

4,000 Subs by May 31 Is Our Goal—Here's How

THE campaign for New Militant subs opens today. It opens on a new note—Prizes! Yes Sir, we are offering prizes.

Our goal is four thousand new subs in four months, one thousand per month, two hundred and fifty per week. If we are to make the mark you will have to help us out with thirty-five new sub every single day from now until May 31.

The Prizes—Ah! There are 12 separate, magnificent prizes. For the individual who collects the most subs every month during the campaign there will be a prize of two dollars in books from the Pioneer Bookshop.

For the individual who collects the biggest number of subs for the

entire four-month period a prize of five dollars in books.

For the branch which sends in the greatest number of subs and the biggest bundle increases, paid up, there will be a prize of ten dollars in books (branches will be judged on a membership basis), a second prize of five dollars and a third prize of two fifty, all in books.

Comrades consider—If we each and every get one new sub every two weeks we will reach our mark. If each and every one of us get a sub every week we will have a circulation of at least fourteen thousand by May 31.

Take Town In Effort to Break Strike

FARGO, N. Dakota.—Three hundred deputized vigilantes swept down on the headquarters of General Drivers Local No. 173 on Sunday, tear gassed strikers, their wives and children, and arrested 94, including William Cruden, president of the union, and W. W. Hughes and C. R. Schwalde, union officers.

The strike of the coal, ice, and transfer drivers has been on since the middle of January. In spite of the sub zero weather the Fargo drivers, using the militant picketing technique developed by General Drivers Local 574 in Minneapolis, had the city of Fargo sewed up tight.

Today the entire town of Fargo is in the hands of vigilante thugs, who have set as their goal the crushing of the local labor movement, for years a negligible force—until Miles Dunne, one of the leaders of Local 574, was loaned to the Fargo drivers as an organizer.

The rest of the Fargo labor movement is weak; most of the unions have small membership, although under the stimulus of Local 173's organization drive, their milk drivers' strike of last fall and their present strike, several hundred workers have come into the unions.

The terrorism in Fargo is part of an organized campaign against labor which the reactionaries are preparing in the Northwest. During the past four months tremendous funds have been put behind the American Legion, hundreds of chapters have been formed or revived. In Minneapolis special police posts of the Legion have been formed.

Every trade unionist in the Northwest should realize that the Fargo strikers are waging a fight for the labor movement of the whole Northwest, and should give every possible support to Local 173.

Progressives Seek National Organization

(By Special Correspondent)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Vigorous, hard-hitting resolutions, one condemning reactionary union leaders and going on record for a national organization of militant and progressive union forces, the other demanding a genuine Workers' Security Program, were adopted at the one-day meeting of the Northwest Unity Conference, held at the headquarters of Drivers' Local No. 574.

Fifty delegates, from unions numbering 10,000, attended the conference. The security program adopted was the program advocated by the National Unemployed League.

The resolutions follow in full: "Whereas, the workers of the U. S. have demonstrated a determination to organize and a willingness to fight desperately for the right to organize and against the whole campaign to put them on a pauper basis; and

"Whereas, the masses will find no support but only new betrayals in outworn craft unionism and autocratic union leadership which bases its policies in collaboration with employers and the government, who are the enemies of the working class; and

"Whereas, the militants and progressives can carry on the battle for the organization of the unorganized and against false, corrupt, and reactionary leadership only if they are firmly organized and unite their efforts; and

"Whereas, this is a national problem and local groups cannot meet the need and will in fact be smashed by reactionary elements in the labor movement; and

"Whereas, this Conference has begun the organization of the progressive forces in the northwest region; therefore be it

"Resolved, that we declare for a national organization of the honestly militant and progressive elements in the unions and instruct the officers of this Conference to make contacts with similar groups in other parts of the country and in every way to advance the movement for a national organization."

Resolution on Workers' Security Program

"Whereas, the great problem facing the American working class is economic security; and whereas, numerous persons and groups, including employers and the government, are proposing various measures for a program of workers' security; therefore be it resolved, that this Conference goes on record endorsing the following as essential parts of a workers' security program:

"First, the national thirty-hour week;

"Second, an appropriation of not less than ten billion dollars for public works which will benefit the masses, such as housing for wage-workers, farm electrification, etc., this sum to be expended immediately, and workers on all public projects to be employed on the basis of the thirty-hour week and a minimum wage of thirty dollars per week and at union rates above the minimum;

"Third, enactment of the Lundeen Workers' Social Insurance Bill;

"Fourth, cash relief, pending enactment of unemployment insurance, not less than twelve dollars per week and not less than three dollars additional for each dependent."

Speakers Will Bare Hearst's Labor Record

NEW YORK.—A mass anti-Hearst meeting will be held in New York Sunday, Feb. 3 at 8 P.M. at the Central Opera House, 235 East 67th Street.

The speakers, many of them attacked by Hearst in his anti-Red campaign, will uncover Hearst's record.

Heywood Brown will speak on Hearst's attitude toward his own newspaper employees.

Prof. Sidney Hook, chairman of the Department of Philosophy of New York University, and Prof. James Burnham, of the same department, will answer the attacks on them in the Hearst papers.

Prof. George S. Counts of Columbia University will speak. He discovered recently that prospective "students" were Hearst reporters.

Felix Morrow, secretary of the Provisional Committee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense, under whose auspices the mass meeting will be held, will tell of Hearst's activities in California, and the Hearst press role in the Sacramento criminal syndicalist trial now going on.

Truckmen Stay Injunction

One-Day Strike Prevents Judge from Issuing Writ - He Postpones Decision Until Next Week

The one-day strike of the New York truckmen on Jan. 28 sets a new pace for the American labor movement—it was a strike called for the sole purpose of jamming an injunction down the judge's throat.

On Jan. 2, Justice B. J. Humphreys, a well-known labor hater, issued an opinion, on application of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, that opened the way to an injunction restraining the Longshoremen from cooperating with union truckmen by refusing to handle scab goods. The injunction, if issued, would result in the wholesale laying off of union truckers.

Last Thursday the rank and file truckmen in a secret meeting elected a strike committee of 25 and determined on a walkout for Monday, the day set for the injunction.

This action was taken over the heads of the so-called union leaders, Michael Cashal of the Truckmen, and the notorious Joe Ryan, who tried to sell out the San Francisco strike last summer. These alleged union leaders were all for taking the injunction lying down. Both Ryan and Cashal disclaimed any responsibility for the strike, and left it to "communist influences"

T. E. Smith, one of the rank and file strike committee, pointed out that the only "communist influences" involved were the rank and file, who knew damn well that the injunction would result in the firing of at least five thousand union truckmen immediately.

The Monday strike was a success. Taking a hint from the Minneapolis strike, squads patrolled the loading area, both rail and boat, in trucks. All interstate trucking was stopped. Those interstate truckmen who

hadn't received notice of the strike for lack of time, were allowed to drive to their garages and no further.

Merchants and manufacturers were frantic. They didn't know when the strike would end. Cashal and Ryan couldn't give them any information. B'g cons, such as Philco, RCA, Western Electric wired their New York agents to "Ship by Railway Express until further notice." Railway express charges are three times as high as trucking charges. The strike hit them where it hurt most, in their pockets.

Under pressure of the strike, Justice Humphreys suddenly changed his mind, consented to receive a brief from the union lawyer, and postponed his decision until "some time next week."

The rank and file committee called off the strike—for the moment. But the real battle is still ahead. The New York Board of Trade, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce have been whipped in the first skirmish; but they have gained a week in which to connive.

The rank and file know that the injunction is aimed, not merely to prevent the cooperation of longshoremen and truckmen, but to smash completely and finally every waterfront union in the city.

When It Snows in New York

Magnificent Chance for Jobless Men - Alderman Who Gets \$100 an Hour Raps Shovelers

On January 23 and 24 a blizzard descended on New York, 17 1/2 inches of snow fell, the temperature dropped to a few degrees above zero.

Commissioner of Sanitation T. W. Hammond (\$10,000 per year) ordered 11,000 home relief men, registered for snow removal, on the evening of the 23rd, but as only four inches had fallen by then, they were sent home, after reporting at headquarters in the zero weather.

On the 24th the snow continued to fall and traffic was badly tied up, all 23,000 registered home relief workers were ordered out.

Alderman John Cashmore (it has been calculated that New York City aldermen receive \$100 per hour for sitting on the Board of Aldermen) sharply criticized the relief workers, claimed they were not reporting, they were shirking, they were not taking proper advantage of this magnificent opportunity.

A "Liberal" Paper The New York World-Telegram, a liberal paper, (editor probably receives \$20,000 per year) took up the noble civic cause in a headline: "Relief Workers Shun Snow-Cleaning Jobs."

The reluctance of the relief workers was ascribed by some to the fact that, although they were promised 50c per hour for a 10 hour day of snow cleaning, actually they received only 25c per hour, the remaining 25c being subtracted from their relief allowances.

Reports from various papers for Jan. 24: "Thomas McClintock, 60, a relief worker of 80 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, died while shoveling snow in Prospect Park. Cold and exertion were given as the causes. "An unidentified man a Queens

fell dead from overexertion while shoveling snow."

On Jan. 25 Alderman Cashmore (\$100 per hour) requested that the committee investigating home relief in New York (which has to date succeeded in removing a few doubtful cases from relief rolls, at a cost to the city of \$25,000) look into the snow removal business.

The World Telegram reported: "City Forced to Hire Many Thousands Not on Relief Rolls, and became extremely self-righteous."

How to Keep Warm The Department of Sanitation (Comm. \$10,000 per year) issued a mimeographed sheet of instructions to snow removal workers:

"If your fingers or ears get numb and look white or frostbitten put the frostbitten hand inside your vest, notify your foreman, and go to clinic, 103 Lafayette St.

"Don't walk, ride in subway, trolley or 'L'.

"If both hands are frozen put colder one inside vest and keep the other in your pocket.

"Things to wear: A pair of woolen mittens, mittens are much better than gloves; a pair of woolen socks; shoes with thick soles; cap with ear muffs."

A tour of inspection by your relief workers had the audacity not to obey the instructions, although the temperature hovered around five degrees above zero. To say nothing of mittens, many were not even wearing gloves; and as for thick soled shoes and woolen socks, there was flagrant violation of the Department of Sanitation rule.

FOLLOW THE NEWS IN THE NEW MILITANT.

suggested symbol



What is it? What is that lightning bolt across the world? It's a suggested symbol for the Workers Party.

What do you think of it? Do you like it? Good! Or have you any ideas for a better one? This is the time for all hidden talent to blossom forth. Immortalize yourself as the creator of the revolutionary symbol of America.

Send all suggestions, drawings, etc. to the Political Committee, National Office, New York.