

# Omaha Trucks Tied Up Throughout North Central Area

## MOVE ONLY WITH UNION PERMITS

### New Area Contract Is Issue; 35 Companies Sign

OMAHA, Neb.—Far-flung picket lines held the strike of drivers in Omaha solid with nothing moving on trucks except by permission of General Drivers Local 554.

Determined to force all over-the-road trucking to be done under the new North Central Area agreement and the signing of contracts by city operators with Local 554, the strike is backed by the strength and machinery of the entire drivers movement of the 11-state area.

Already 35 companies have broken away from the Nebraska Commercial Truckers Association, employers group refusing to sign the contract, and have signed appropriate agreements.

When the employers attempted to incite farmers of the outlying districts against the striking teamsters, quick and effective counteraction by the union counteracted the lies of the bosses. Through the press and radio Local 554 informed the farmers that from the first of the strike the union had agreed to permit farmers to bring their produce into the city. On the main highway used by the farmers the union erected a huge sign reading, "Welcome, Fruit Growers of Nebraska, from General Drivers Local 554."

This information made the farmers friendly to the strikers and turned them against the employers, who would use the farmers to break the strike. When the spoken lies failed, the bosses hired hoodlums to stone trucks of the farmers in a futile attempt to wreck the cooperation of farmers and workers.

With over-the-road trucks from Omaha tied at a dozen terminals since the day the strike began, direct aid from other locals came to Local 554. From Chicago and St. Louis drivers locals sent financial contributions and from Local 710 in Chicago came an admittance to the Swift Packing Co. which put an end to anti-union activities of the Omaha branch of the company. The local branch had refused to ship by those trucking lines which signed with the union.

Pickets are operating on 12-hour shifts, with three reliefs for meals. An efficient commissary provides six cooked meals in every 24 hours and strikers and their families are welcome there.

## DRIVERS ACCEPT STRIKE GOES ON

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807, 282 and 816 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters at a meeting in Mecca Temple, Sunday afternoon, called by the regular union officers. The strike committee of 50 which includes the "rank-and-file" leaders of last week's strike is headed by Michael J. Casahal, international vice-president. The strike had been interrupted on Thursday by a "truce" which led to no results insofar as negotiations with the bosses were concerned. A vote of 4,071 for the strike with only 385 against ended the truce.

Teamsters' Joint Council No. 18 of New Jersey, which comprises Locals 560 of Hoboken, 641 and 617 of Jersey City, 136 and 478 of Newark and 469 of Trenton and Perth Amboy, joined the strike today. The latter not only went into sympathy with the New York drivers but are demanding the same kind of an agreement. Francis M. Sheridan, general organizer of the Motor and Bus Terminal Checker Platform and Office Workers Local 21, 512 of the A. F. of L. announced that his union would join during the day. Allan Hayward, regional director of the C.I.O., offered the unions the "fullest cooperation" of his organization in a telegram today.

The Longshoremen's Association, A. F. of L., whose contracts have only four days to go, have announced that they would also demand a reduction in the work week, from 44 to 40, and they would not handle any "hot cargo," that is, trucks carrying goods banned by the strike committee.

From the looks of things, the strike, which has the official backing of the Central Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor, is spreading rapidly. The attempt of the truck drivers to get a radical solution of the problem of unemployment by a reduction of the work week on the same basic rate of pay seems to have caught the imagination of large layers of the laboring population of this area. The support given by organized labor is complete. From the point of view of the strike's effectiveness there is no reason why the bosses should not be brought to terms rapidly.

## Rubber Workers Urge Labor Unity

### Ask C.I.O.-A. F. of L. Peace; Refuse C. P. Whitewash of Bridges Wrecking Tactics On West Coast

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TRENTON, N. J. — The third annual convention of the United Rubber Workers of America held here last week was marked by considerable achievements on many important trade union questions and a solidarity and union democracy that sets an example for other C.I.O. unions.

Unity of the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. on the basis of recognition of industrial unionism for mass production industries and inclusion of the railroad brotherhoods in the united labor movement was called for in a resolution adopted unanimously at the convention.

Pledge of a strong fight against any modification of the Wagner Labor Act and against adoption of a British Labor Disputes Act was made by the U.R.W.A.

**Support Railroad Unions**  
Support of the United Rubber Workers to the railroad brotherhoods in their battle against an impending wage cut was also pledged.

Among the most important achievements of the past year recorded in the officers' reports was the smashing of a wage cut drive in Akron at the Goodrich plant which prevented a nationwide slash. Likewise the U.R.W.A. reported signed contracts with U.S. Rubber, Goodrich and Firestone, three of the largest concerns in America.

Membership of the U.R.W.A. had remained high despite layoffs of 25,000 union men in the past year who are still considered in the union, due to special provisions made in the constitution.

**Refuse Endorsement to Bridges**  
The convention refused to approve a Stalinist resolution calling for endorsement of Harry Bridges' West Coast union-wrecking policies and for repudiation of the progressive Los Angeles Trade Union Conference which includes U.R.W.A. locals.

The delegates unanimously turned down a proposal to hold conventions biennially instead of yearly. "We want to check our officials yearly. We don't want any auto workers situation," they explained in debate.

The convention rebuked a Stalinist delegate from Akron who was a delegate from another local by voting not to permit the practice in the future, unless the delegate was first elected from his own local. "Who paid her way here," a Goodrich worker asked.

Three attempts inspired by the Stalinists to enlarge the executive board so that election of a Stalinist would be assured were defeated by the progressives in the convention.

**Still Follow F.D.R.**  
Everything looked rosy for the Stalinist clique when the convention first began. The great majority of delegates were Roosevelt followers and the Stalinists hopped on the band-wagon, cheering as over 75 resolutions were passed in less than two hours in support of the "New Deal."

Only argument was on the question of praising Roosevelt in the resolution calling for him to run on a third term. Some delegates said he was the greatest president, others argued he was no greater than Lincoln or Jefferson and should only be called one of the greatest. With debate proceeding along that fashion, a few progressives didn't take the floor to speak against Roosevelt's policies.

The national C.I.O. policy of playing around with Democrats and Republicans and the C.I.O. position on labor unity was outlined in speeches by Allan S. Hayward, New York C.I.O. director, John Brophy, national C.I.O. director, Eil P. Oliver, executive vice-president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and other speakers.

Knowing the militant and democratic traditions of the rubber workers, Brophy in his speech did not dare to use the language he used on the West Coast recently in seeking to cover up Bridges' stacked C.I.O. state convention, although the West Coast rubber workers were staring him in the face and had passed out a well-documented booklet exposing Bridges and Brophy to the U.R.W.A. delegates.

**Blast Mayor Hague**  
Other resolutions called for support of Labor's Non-Partisan League, blasting of Mayor Frank Hague and fascist tendencies in U.S.A., criticism of the Dies committee, etc., etc.

Of special importance was the lengthy discussion on organizing in the South, in particular at Gadsden, Ala., where Goodyear's two-year reign of terror has resulted in vigilante attacks against unionists. Gadsden is the Achilles heel of Goodyear Local in Akron, and a special five-point organizing campaign was recommended to the executive board for action.

The constitution was amended to provide for even more union democracy, and a special provision was included that at no time should organizers comprise a majority of the executive board. This provision was a compromise over a Goodrich Local proposal that no organizer should serve on the board. "We don't want to allow anyone to build a machine in the union through posts," the delegates declared. It was in this way that the delegates time and again showed they are determined to keep the U.R.W.A. as a democratically run union, and certainly the convention was an excellent illustration of that democracy.

The Stalinists interrupted the proceedings here to introduce their factional resolution in support of Bridges, and for condemning the West Coast delegates who had passed out the booklet exposing the Stalinist "rule or ruin" policy. A brilliant answer to this proposal was made by George Burden, West Coast delegate, who outlined the Bridges' maneuvers and their disastrous consequences.

**Praise Western Organizer**  
Then S. H. Dalrymple, international president, took the floor, and contrary to reports published in the Daily Worker, criticized the Stalinist-introduced resolution as one "which breaks the unity and harmony of this convention," and he told the delegates that the executive committee had agreed not to bring the subject up at the convention. So the resolution was squelched by a motion to table indefinitely which passed by a huge majority.

Later in the convention, the West Coast delegates introduced a motion praising the work and policies of George B. Roberts, U.R.W.A. western organizer, who had previously been criticized for blasting Bridges, and this motion passed unanimously, as the C. P. crawled into a hole to hide.

Frightened by the turn of events, the Stalinists rushed to get Michael Quill, Transport Workers' Union president and "party line" follower, down as speaker but his clever speech proved of no avail.

The legislative committee report included recommendations for extension of the Social Security Law to provide for benefits to W.P.A. workers, endorsement of the Civil Liberties Committee work, favored a low-rent housing program, condemnation of use of the National Guard in strikes, and opposition to laws conscripting capital in war-time since "this would lead to drafting of labor to which we are unalterably opposed." These were passed.

**Officers Re-Elected**  
The present officers, Dalrymple, vice-president Thomas F. Burns, and secretary-treasurer Frank Grillo, were unanimously re-elected.

In the elections for executive board two surprises came when N. H. Eagle and Salvatore Camello, organizers and founders of the union, were defeated for reelection. Part of this was because of the feeling delegates had against having organizers on the board and part of it was their reputation for playing too close to the Stalinists. John Marchiano, another board member and organizer, also suffered defeat.

In their place were elected Scott Friess, a progressive from the U.S. Rubber plant in Indiana, G. T. Palmer, of Barborton, who also has a progressive reputation, and C. V. Wheeler, of Goodyear Local, who is not very well known but follows the Stalinist party line.

L. S. Buckmaster, president of Firestone Local, and outstanding for his work at the convention, got the highest vote for re-election; L. L. Callahan, president of Goodrich Local and a well-known Akron labor leader was re-elected, and Walter J. Welsh, representing the small locals, was returned to the executive board.

In all localities the U.R.W.A. had fought for adequate W.P.A. projects and higher wages, and is doing its best to keep the burden of the crisis from falling on the workers. Although the financial condition was not very good, the International Union could obtain \$100,000 from the C.I.O., if needed, Grillo said.

## YPSL Conference Plans Activity

NEW YORK.—In preparation for its Tenth National Convention the New York District of the Y.P.S.L. will hold a conference of all circle organizers, educational and industrial directors, and all leading comrades, at 159 Rivington St. Comrade Nathan Gould, National Organizer, will bring the greetings of the recently formed Fourth International of Youth. The main points on the agenda are a discussion of a campaign against the American Student Union in the schools, plans for the organization of unemployed youth in the neighborhoods and the schools, and a plan of action for the next three months.

## SLUG MILITANTS IN FOOD UNION

### Appeal Is Made Against Gangster-C. P. Clique

NEW YORK.—Growing desperate as the election of officers in Local 302 of the Cafeteria Workers approaches, the Stalinist officials are going into action against the progressives in a campaign already featured by a frame-up and a physical attack against a leading progressive.

On Thursday, September 22, Charles Mitchell, a member of the executive board and a leading progressive, was met at his place of work by Harry Lieben, Stalinist business agent, and his bodyguard. Without warning Lieben struck Mitchell a terrific blow in the face, almost breaking his nose. Mitchell preferred criminal charges against Lieben, who appeared in court defended by the attorney for the union. The progressives have issued an appeal to the membership of the union demanding the removal of Lieben and calling on the members to be prepared for similar attacks in the future. Gangsterism will not be allowed in Local 302.

**Lieben Frames Militant**  
Behind the physical attack was the charge hurled against this same business agent, Harry Lieben, of framing a militant worker in cooperation with an employer and removing him from his job. Henry Feller, who had organized his shop into the union and had worked there several years, was assistant shop-chairman and a vigorous fighter in defense of union conditions and against discrimination. For this reason he had incurred the hostility of his boss. Because he is a progressive he became a target for Lieben, the business agent in charge of his territory, and of the Stalinist frame-up machine.

One day Feller was accused of complicity in the theft of some cartons of cigarettes by his employer, who immediately called Lieben. Lieben told Feller that there was a warrant for his arrest, and threatened him with the "third degree." But if Feller would leave his job "voluntarily," Lieben promised to "fix everything." Feller refused and Lieben removed him from his job. When Feller appealed to the executive board, that body bore out the statement of Lieben that "I am the executive board" by refusing to reinstate him.

The corrupt practices of the Stalinist machine, and its failure to maintain wages and conditions in the shops has brought a rift in the union leadership. The "Unity" group, under the leadership of President Mesevich, gives signs of the beginning of a break with the Stalinist clique. On September 21, Mesevich for the first time openly attacked the Stalinists. The occasion was a membership meeting to hear reports of the recently concluded international convention, at which Mesevich was slated to run for an International vice-presidency, but was double-crossed by his Stalinist allies.

**Program Outlined**  
The progressives have appealed to all sections of the union membership, appealing for a united struggle against the corrupt Stalinists in control of the union, on the basis of the following program:

1. Full democracy in the union.
2. For the election of all officials from top to bottom.
3. For the full enforcement of the union contract.
4. For the abolition of the Adjustment Board (foisted on the membership last spring by the Stalinists).
5. For the merger of all branches into one unified union (The local is divided into three branches. Chain store workers, skilled workers in independent stores, and unskilled in independent stores).

## SAILORS TIE UP SHEPARD AGAIN

### Breaking of Pact Gets Quick Strike Action

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific again struck hard at the chiseling Shepard Line, tying up their ships on the West Coast when the company refused to renew an agreement that expires on Sept. 30.

In sharp contrast to the dispute against the same line a few months ago the picket lines were respected by all crafts. The teamsters refused to handle cargo from the ships, the firemen shut off the steam and left the ships, and longshoremen made no attempt to enter the docks. With the strike 100 per cent effective on three ships tied up, and similar action due for the other two Shepard ships as soon as they hit a Pacific port, the company will be hard put to evade signing the agreement.

**Use Election Ruse**  
The Shepard Line, as in the previous dispute, is using the result of a National Labor Board election to get out of the agreement with the West Coast unions, won by militant strike action and enforced by alert patrolmen. The election, held without notification to the S.U.P. or with that union appearing on the ballot, was won by the National Maritime Union, and speaking for the Continuance Committee elected at the first conference, asked Locals still in the Alliance to send two delegates each to the October 1 conference, "if you believe as we do that the Workers Alliance is no longer carrying out a militant and honest struggle for the needs of its members, and that there is intolerable discrimination against those who refuse to follow the political line of the majority leadership of the W.A."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Insertions in this column are 25 cents for five lines. Copy must be in at the APPEAL office before 6 o'clock Monday evening.

**NEW YORK**  
GALA THEATRE PARTY! See the great anti-war picture "Grand Illusion." Banned by the French government because of its anti-war message. Of special current interest.  
Tickets are for Monday and Tuesday evenings, October 10th and 11th. May be obtained from Lillian Reynolds at National Office, 116 University Place, 65c. Auspices: Downtown Branch of S.W.P.

**ANNOUNCING THE PREMIER DANCE** of the year. Check your calendars for the City Convention Ball and get into step with a versatile Swing Band, Sat., Oct. 15. Further details forthcoming.

**HAPPY EVENTS COLUMN:** Bob Brown, ex-Business Manager of the Appeal, became the father of a 7 1/2 lb. bouncing baby boy Bolshevik-Leninist this week. Congratulations, Bob!

**RUSSIAN BULLETIN** No. 68-69, featuring several important articles by Leon Trotsky. Single copy 20c; 1 year \$2. Subscriptions and single copies on sale at Labor Book Shop, 28 East 12th St., N.Y.C.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**  
TWO STUDY COURSES: "Fundamentals of Socialism"—6 Lessons  
W. W. Norris, Instructor  
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Felix Morrow, Instructor  
Classes held every Monday evening beginning Sept. 26, 8 P.M.

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Every Sunday at 3 P.M. beginning Sept. 25. Dealing with current subjects of local, national and international interest. Good Speakers.  
Socialist Workers Party Hall, 919 Marquette Ave.  
Admission Free.

## Call the Cops!

NEW YORK.—The following dialogue took place last Sunday between a Stalinist "veteran" of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and a member of the Socialist Workers Party who was distributing anti-war leaflets at a Madison Square "save - Czechoslovakia" meeting:

Stalinist: (belligerently) Scram! You can't distribute those leaflets around here!

S.W.P.'er: Why not? Who said I can't?

Stalinist: I did! And if you don't stop, I'll call the cop!

S.W.P.'er: That's just like the Communist Party nowadays—calling the cops!

Stalinist: Sure it is! We believe in Law and Order now...

## JOBLESS ISSUE CONVENTION CALL

NEW YORK.—With the wholesale expulsion of some 2,000 Alliance militants, and the lifting of about 14 local charters in the offing, the progressive forces in the W.A.A. here, rallied to the call for a conference to set up a new and bona fide unemployed and W.P.A. union. The conference is set for Saturday morning, October 1st.

The call for the conference, signed by Henry V. Rourke, President of the Mechanics' Union, and speaking for the Continuance Committee elected at the first conference, asked Locals still in the Alliance to send two delegates each to the October 1 conference, "if you believe as we do that the Workers Alliance is no longer carrying out a militant and honest struggle for the needs of its members, and that there is intolerable discrimination against those who refuse to follow the political line of the majority leadership of the W.A."

**A Militant Organization**  
"We will carry on a consistent and militant struggle for an adequate standard of living for all those on public work projects and on home relief rolls... fight for an increase in jobs for all those able to work; and furthermore we pledge ourselves to carry on a bona fide and militant fight for these just demands without fear of embarrassing any political groups or individuals that may be holding public office."  
"... We will build a non-partisan organization, where workers shall be judged according to their honest work and sacrifice in behalf of the above principles and not because of their affiliation to any specific political party," the call continued.

In conclusion the call to the conference said: "We believe in practicing true trade union democracy, which shall give equal rights to all members. No member or groups of members shall be persecuted or discriminated against because of difference of opinion with the majority on questions of policy or program."

## PRIMARY DEALS REVEAL DANGER IN ALP POLICY

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Waldman, candidate for County Judge in Brooklyn, was beaten by a good majority by his conservative Republican opponent, who ran in defiance of the regular party machine. Among several other such casualties was that of John F. Sullivan, Labor Party candidate for State Senator, who was defeated in the Republican primaries by the conservative opponent of the Simpson machine, John Burke.

**The Election Yield**  
An authoritative summary of the contests, given by the New York Times, concludes as follows: "The result of the Republican-Labor Party deal, because of the failure of the Republican organization leaders to deliver, has been to give the Republican leaders what they wanted most and to give the Labor Party comparatively little of value."  
(N. Y. Times, Sept. 22, 1938).

In other words, the Labor Party leaders were "double-crossed." In reality, however, the Republicans only did the natural thing; they remained true to the interests of their class, and consequently, their party, while the Labor Party heads bargained away the real interests of their party and their class, the laboring population of the city.

Such an outcome could have been foreseen. Moreover, it should serve as an indication of far more serious "double-crossing" to come if this disastrous alliance is to be continued in the halls of the state legislature. It is significant to note that while the Republicans defeated the Labor Party allies of Simpson and Crews, the heads of the state and Brooklyn organizations of the G.O.P. respectively, they nevertheless re-elected them to the party leadership.

**Lovestone Treachery**  
That the Stalinists endorsed this class collaboration policy of the A.L.P. is only natural. It falls in line completely with their whole "Democratic Front" politics and they never miss an opportunity to injure and betray the workers in whose name they speak. What was more surprising was the fact that the Lovestonites were the only other political force in the Labor Party to go to bat for this piece of treacherous class collaboration politics. Not even the old line reformists of the Social Democratic Federation could stomach it in the cross form in which it was put forward.

The Lovestonite argument, presented by their wisecrack spokesman, Will Herberg, runs as follows: Since the A.L.P. had previously been closely tied to the Democratic Party machine and still was, nationally, the alliance with the Republicans will serve to break down this tie and thus, by the will of gods, bring about an independent Labor Party, which the Lovestonites officially advocate. That is, advocate in words.

In reality, the Lovestonites are

merely serving to give a red coloration to the basest kind of anti-labor betrayal. That is entirely in line with their traditional unprincipledness and opportunism. In order to maintain the posts that they have in the various needle trades unions by the grace of the top bureaucrats, they have to pay the price asked. It is too much to expect them to refuse, for such a refusal would mean the loss of their much vaunted but really very flimsy and tenuous trade union "influence" and consequently, of the main stock-in-trade upon which their whole organization is based.

**S.W.P. Position**  
The task of our party, in line with the Labor Party position adopted by its recent referendum, is to throw its forces into a fruitful participation in the coming elections on the side of the A.L.P. Such participation, to protect the interests of the New York workers as well as to advance their political development, must be based on a policy of uncompromising and intransigent struggle against the class collaboration policies put forward within the party and against all the defenders of the disastrous alliance with the Republicans and Democrats. Such policies can only lead to the destruction of the gains already made by the workers on the political field.

There are no short-cuts towards the building of an independent Labor Party that will fight relentlessly and effectively for the class interests of the workers. To argue, as the Lovestonites do, that "independence" can be gained by striking a "bargain" with the Republicans as well as with the Democrats is to argue that submission to repeated rape can result in a condition of virginity.

Against the Stalinists, the bureaucrats, and their Lovestonite apologists, we shall call upon the New York workers to take a lesson from the class enemy—from the Republicans and their actions in the primaries. We shall call upon them to vote down all the bourgeois partners in the alliance with the Republicans and the Democrats. We shall work for the election of the candidates put forward by the Labor Party.

Against the capitalist party candidates, both those on the Republican, Democratic as well as Labor Party tickets!

For the labor candidates, the candidates of the Labor Party, irrespective of endorsements by the other parties!

Defeat the class collaboration policy of coalitions with the Republican and Democratic machines!

**Vote Labor!**  
In all cases where the A.L.P. has no independent candidates, but indorses candidates of capitalist parties, the Socialist Workers Party reserves the right to put forward its own candidates. In any case, it will oppose capitalist politicians no matter what label they wear and call upon the workers of the city to do likewise.

Forward to the building of an independent Labor Party!

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The Great War Crisis which is leading rapidly towards the Second World War puts the necessity for a greater and greater distribution of the Appeal right on the order of the day. Our voice is the only voice of revolutionary socialism, and it is threatening to be drowned out amid the howling chorus of war-mad Stalinists and other jingoes. The Appeal will carry clear-cut, simple and forceful articles each week henceforth, giving the position of the revolutionary opponents of capitalist war. These articles must reach trade-union workers by the thousands and tens of thousands! It is the most important part of our present struggle against the war machines.

Every branch and unit in the country should immediately take up for consideration the problem of how to double its present bundle-order. Don't forget that the promotion price for extra copies still holds good. It offers an excellent change for mass distribution of America's only genuine anti-war paper! Summer vacations are forgotten; literature agents are the front-line fighters in our anti-war propaganda; let's hear from them with increased orders.

We expect to announce plans shortly for our Fall-Winter campaign drive. But don't wait until then—send in extra orders right now!

Although subs declined this past week, we are glad to report that bundle-orders are definitely on the increase among the branches. Here's the list of new subs:

OHIO	6
Chicago	5
New York City	5
Massachusetts	4
California	3
Foreign	3
Tennessee	2
Maryland	1
Wisconsin	1
Michigan	1
New Jersey	2
Total	31

The New York City local, under the able direction of Lou Gordon and Abe Miller, distributed 2,000 copies of last week's APPEAL to the striking truck-drivers. The YPSL furnished great help in this work.

Karl Shier of Chicago is back in the running again. He increased his bundle-order by 50 copies last week... And a new agent by the name of Elsie Meyers is taking a bundle in Oakland, Calif... John Murphy of Los Angeles has successfully pulled the L. A. branch out of its literature hole and is steadily increasing his order... Our "friend" in Providence, Rhode Island has already increased his weekly order from 3 to 10...

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