

DETROIT DRIVERS WIN AREA PACT, WAGE INCREASES

Bosses Crack Before Strike Ultimatum Expires

DETROIT—Just before the midnight strike deadline set by Drivers Union Local 299, Detroit truck bosses capitulated and signed both the 11-state standard North Central Area over-road agreement and a local city contract, bringing closed-shop conditions to 7,000 drivers and helpers.

Ten cents per hour increases for eighty percent of the city drivers, and a five-cents boost for the rest, 70 cents hourly for local runs, a minimum of 75 cents hourly for all time on over-road runs, 85 cents an hour for tandem drivers in the city, are among the big gains recorded.

With Detroit signed up on the heels of Kansas City, and contracts signed previously in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Chicago, and Des Moines, practically all major trucking points connected with Omaha in the North Central Area are under the uniform over-road agreement. That leaves the bitter-end bosses in Omaha out on a limb.

N. Y. ORGANIZES APPEAL SALES

By ABE MILLER (Head of New York's Literature Distribution)

(1) We are planning three channels of distribution each week. First, street sales every day at specified congregation points in the city; secondly, 8 separate newsstand routes covering sections of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens; finally, canvassing and delivery routes in parts of Manhattan and the Bronx.

These three distribution channels will be handled by nine or more volunteer comrades. They will give preference and emphasis to covering newsstands and street sales. Canvassing will consist in visiting our contacts in order to sell them a copy of the Appeal, a subscription or to leave a sample copy. At least two days a week will be devoted to this task.

(2) Newsstands: We must aim to sell the bulk of Appeals from the newsstands. At present, 310 are sold each week from the stands without any effort. Our object in the next months must be to sell a minimum of 1,000 per issue from these stands. We must place the Appeal on stands throughout the entire city as part of our approaching campaign.

(3) Subscription Drive: This will be instituted jointly with the newsstand campaign under the slogan of "Every class struggle fighter a twice-a-week subscriber!" As a further incentive for obtaining subs we will stress the additional features in the Appeal—new columns, additional trade-union news and feature writers. The bulk of new subs will be obtained from former subscribers, sympathizers and contacts. In each branch a responsible committee of three will visit these contacts.

Our sources, such as libraries, unions and schools must be approached for subscriptions.

New York City now handles and distributes close to 2,000 copies of the Appeal each week. We are confident that the New York comrades will actively support the plan I have sketched above and that major steps will be taken towards our goal of making the Appeal the leading paper of New York's working masses.

CHALLENGE OF YOUTH APPEARS

The January issue of "The Challenge of Youth," official organ of the Young People's Socialist League, is off the press, appearing in two colors. This issue appears to be the best job yet done by the youth.

Montana Farmers Destitute on \$44 Monthly W.P.A. Ration

The following letter was sent by Clayton McCull, secretary of the Federal Labor Union No. 21760, A. F. of L., of Plentywood, Montana, to Aubrey Williams, of the Works Progress Administration:

"The membership of Local No. 21760 have instructed me to call your attention to the fact that the amount of \$44.00 now being paid to the workers on WPA projects in Sheridan County is entirely inadequate to meet the requirements of even a subsistence level. Because Sheridan County is classified as an agricultural section, apparently the belief prevails in Washington, D.C., that much less is needed to sustain life than in the industrial centers of the state. This is an erroneous conception.

"Every informed person is familiar with the destitution that has prevailed in this section during the past seven-eight years, and any attempt to gloss over such conditions is not taking the welfare of our people to heart. In the season of 1938 an abundant crop was ballyhooed throughout the nation, but when the hard working farmers attempted to reap the rewards of the Agricultural Administration and salvage something from the ravages of that faithful ally, the grasshopper, they found that nothing was returned for their efforts. A comparison of meat and grocery prices with other parts of the state and country would indeed be revealing.

"Light and fuel must be included in the list of expenses also; shoes and clothing happen to be essential to one's health and comfort—and a paltry \$44.00 per month is not sufficient to provide these necessities. Children are to be seen away from school because their little feet protrude through tattered shoes without even the pretense of an overshoe to hide this sign of destitution. Farmers are compelled to travel

from 50 to 100 miles in every kind of weather to secure a few dollars' worth of commodities per month. If the unfortunate victim is unable to 'thumb' a ride he is often compelled to walk; and if the petty bureaucrats don't know how to distribute such commodities with the least possible inconvenience to the recipient, the unlucky farmer is often-times forced to remain in town and sleep on the floor of some sympathizer's shack. Such conditions could be multiplied if necessary.

"Mr. W. E. Parker, WPA director of the state, visited this section and admitted that conditions were indeed dreadful. But why is there not some action taken to relieve such 'dreadful' conditions? This same question has been put to him and his answer is: All such adjustments must be made in Washington. Now we are appealing to Washington and it is to be hoped that we will not be told that Mr. Parker is the person who is controlling the switch.

"As a necessary step to relieve the situation our Local Union has gone on record to demand a minimum of \$60.50 for work performed on WPA projects. This is not an exorbitant monthly wage and will be still very far from the goal of a decent living standard. Our County commissioners state that there is not enough to give out supplementary relief and that they are helpless to relieve the distress they know exists. With such an admission we are forced to turn to Washington for the much needed relief. This relief must be hidden somewhere, otherwise how could our national, state and county office seekers promise so many good things to us up to and including November 8?"

Copies of the above were also sent to Senators Buton K. Wheeler and James E. Murray, and Congressman James F. O'Connor.

Soulounias, Fur Militant, Vindicated In Libel Action

NEW YORK.—The Stalinist leadership of the fur workers' union, after a 16-month frame-up campaign against Charles Soulounias, well-known union member, have been forced publicly to withdraw their charges against him and to reinstate him in the Greek Fur Workers Local 70, his dues paid by the local up to January 1, 1939.

In August, 1937, the Stalinists expelled Soulounias from the union on framed-up charges of being a "racketeer," "extortionist" and "spy." The Stalinist Greek newspaper, "Empros," conducted a lynch campaign against him, and Stalinist strong-arm squads sought to drive him out of the fur market. But, backed by the anti-Stalinist progressives in the union, Soulounias fought the issue out to a finish. After a long fight in the union, the issue was climaxed by criminal and civil libel charges; just before these were to go to trial, the Stalinists capitulated and made a settlement out of court.

In a statement calling upon all progressives in the industry to continue the fight against the Stalinists, Soulounias declared:

"I would have preferred that my case against Ben Gold (president of the Fur Workers International), Irving Potash (manager of the New York Joint Council), John Valiades (manager of Local 70) and Peter Harrison (head of the Greek Bureau of the Communist Party) should have gone to trial and that these scoundrels, convicted of criminal libel, should have gone to jail as they deserved. Particularly because, even today, these Stalinist gangsters continue the same frame-up methods against other opposition leaders in the Joint Council and throughout the International. But, as is well-known, these Stalinists have been burning up good union money in fighting my case against them, using the case as an excuse to give enormous payments to the 'union' lawyers. To save the union money, therefore, I accepted a settlement out of court.

"Potash, Gold & Co. thereby saved themselves from jail sentences, but could not save themselves from being revealed before the workers as self-admitted frame-up artists. Every fur worker can now see that these people are part of the G.P.U. frame-up gang which, in the Moscow trials, in Spain and elsewhere, have done to death thousands of revolutionists.

"My fight—the fight of all progressives... does not stop here. We must save the union, and all unions, from the infection of Stalinism. (Signed) Charles Soulounias."

An active worker in the union since 1925, Soulounias was a leader of the Greek section of the Communist party and editor of "Empros" from 1929 to 1932. He became organizer of the Fur Workers Industrial Union, in charge of the Greek Department, from 1932 to 1934. The Communist party was then in its "third period" adventurism, and Soulounias had numerous disagreements because he advocated united fronts with non-Stalinist Greek organizations. For this "crime," he was suspended from the party in 1934, and ordered to hold no posts in any organization, including the union. Soulounias obeyed. At the end of his suspension

James Tour Opens at Philadelphia; Will Go to Coast

C. L. R. James, noted English lecturer and writer, will begin a national speaking tour on Friday, January 6, in Philadelphia. James, whose recently published book, "Black Jacobins," has been hailed by literary critics, has already been enthusiastically received at several New York meetings which were attended by many hundreds eager to hear his unusually well-informed lectures. The schedule of his tour follows:

Jan. 6, Phila., Pa.; Jan. 8, Newark, N. J.; Jan. 11, New Haven, Conn.; Jan. 12 through 15, Boston and Lynn, Mass.; Jan. 17, Rochester, New York; Jan. 19, Youngstown, Ohio; Jan. 20, Akron, Ohio; Jan. 21 and 22, Cleveland, Ohio; Jan. 23, Toledo, O.; Jan. 24, Flint, Mich.; Jan. 25 and 26, Detroit, Mich.; Jan. 27 through Feb. 2, Chicago, Ill.; Feb. 3 through 10, Minneapolis, Minn.; Feb. 13 and 14, Denver, Col.; Feb. 17 through 20, San Francisco, Cal., and Bay Area; Feb. 22 through March 1, Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif.

Readers are advised to watch for local announcements of time and place.

New Outlines

Three new educational outlines are available for sale through the National Educational Department.

Two are issued by the New York Educational Committee—"Housing," by Grace Saunders, made up into an attractive mimeographed pamphlet, and a brief sketch of Edouard Daladier, French premier, with pertinent facts on his life.

The third is a study-course outline on "State and Revolution," issued by the Y.P.S.L., 16 pages, ten cents.

The five outlines previously mentioned in these columns are still available at the special price of ten cents for the five. These outlines deal with: "The Right of Asylum," on the refugee problem, an historical sketch; "Open the Doors"; summary of the speech in New York by C. L. R. James on "The Twilight of the British Empire"; and two bulletins on the French situation.

Order through the National Educational Department of the S.W.P., 116 University Place, New York City.

Have You Bought Your Tickets for Pioneer's New Year's Eve Party

Gala Dance and Floor Show SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st at IRVING PLAZA, 15th St. & Irving Place Bar Opens at 8 P. M. Floor Show Begins at 10:30 DANCING 'TILL DAWN Come Early and Get Your Tickets in Before the Show Starts Featuring An All-Star Cast

KAWAIIKA—In several Hawaiian Dances. PRINCESS MARAIVIA—In the African Makumba SPIVY—Intimate Songs (with a kick!) HUNT-SAVAGE-GIBSON—In some fancy footwork MARY FRIEMAN—In songs of social significance SWING MUSIC BY OZZIE CASWELL AND HIS ORCHESTRA Tickets \$1.00 in advance \$1.50 at the door On Sale at Labor Bookshop, 28 East 12th Street

Drive Total Is \$1,001.70; Branches Promise Action

(Continued from Page 1) Marshall, of Los Angeles: "We have a good committee of six working on this campaign. The total pledges thus far are \$125 and we are going to run a big New Year's affair for the Appeal."

John N., of Rochester, tells us that Jim Brown is in charge of the branch campaign and is doing a good job. A New Year's Eve party is planned for the benefit of this drive.

Kansas—Hildegard Smith and George Whiteside have already surpassed the quota. With a little help from other members they hope to double it. Looks like comrade Whiteside is going to win an autographed copy of James' "World Revolution."

Minneapolis: Warning! Don't let the low percentage of this branch fool you. Minneapolis has the habit of working quietly, slowly, but decisively. Comrade Coover says: "We are contemplating a film showing in addition to the New Year's Eve Janbooree for the Appeal, with Michael Freed in charge of the local campaign."

Daniel F. Brinkman, Denver: "Enclosed find money order which pays up our quota in full. All we need in Denver is a start and I truly believe the twice-a-week will afford us a favorable opportunity. We are happy over the event and will do our best to make it a success."

"From Small Acorns..." H. Burns, of San Diego, Calif.: "We want to see the Appeal come out twice weekly; and the enclosed sum is not the last. There will be more but we are a small group and mostly unemployed, so don't expect much. Please, however, give us credit for doing our best. The drive is important for our movement and we wish it success. You may depend on us to contribute to the limit of our ability."

John Boulds, Plentywood, Mont.—I am enclosing a small money order to help the plan for the

10,000 PLANES FOR ARMY WHILE RELIEF IS CUT

(Continued from page 1) the ghastly business of fulfilling war orders.

One billion dollars hardly scratches the surface of the needs of the unemployed army which probably runs up to some 15,000,000. Yet it is even doubtful that this will be granted in its entirety. Yet with the greatest calm, Roosevelt turns around and draws up a war budget which is so high that even newspaper correspondents have "only part of the picture."

Slums and Destroyers The Progressive Group in Local 302 will be prepared for the drive and will make it a wide open fight to allow the workers of New York to see just how rotten are the conditions in Stalinist controlled unions.

Gussie Krakowsky

With the deepest shock we learned last week of the sudden death of our comrade Gussie Krakowsky. Comrade Gussie was not a member of our party, but one of its most devoted and consistent sympathizers. Active and courageous member of Local 9 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York, she was held in high esteem by her fellow workers. The "Trotskyist," as she was known, conducted a tireless agitation for the principles of our movement, and we were honored by her support.

Gussie Krakowsky was born 36 years ago in the Ukraine, and after passing through programs and the social convulsions of the time, she came to the United States in 1920. Years later she joined the Communist Party, but after seeing Stalinism in action in the Soviet Union, which she visited in 1930, she quit it and became one of our staunchest sympathizers. To her family and the multitude of friends, we express our most deep-felt condolences. Our banner is dipped over her untimely grave.

Announcements

DETROIT, Mich SOCIAL on Saturday evening, Jan. 6. Promising finest entertainment ever given in Detroit labor circles. Featuring short play on class war prisoners, burlesque, song and dance numbers, etc. At Socialist Appeal Club, 3513 Woodward, Room 5.

NEW YORK HOW SHALL WE FIGHT Anti-Semitism? Speaker, Felix Morrow. At Manhattan Opera House, 34th St. and 8th Ave. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. Admission 10 cents. Auspices: Needle Trades Branch, S. W. P.

APPEAL ARMY

MAKE 1939 A YEAR FOR THE APPEAL!

The editorial and business staff of the Appeal wish to extend to all comrades, friends and sympathizers their best wishes for the New Year. They also want to extend their thanks to all those comrades who have given invaluable help and assistance to them during 1938. During 1939 we confidently expect great strides forward not only by the American section of the Fourth International, but particularly by its leading organ, the Socialist Appeal. We expect many thousands of new readers and subscribers; we intend to add hundreds of new newsstands to our steadily growing list; we look forward to branches making a real success out of the soon to be twice-weekly Appeal. If our present progress and enthusiasm continue throughout 1939, then at this time next year we will seriously be considering the problem of a daily Appeal!

The manager particularly wants to send his revolutionary greetings to those loyal and sacrificing literature-agents who work patiently from week to week in their local branches. These are the comrades responsible for our progress in 1938—these are the comrades who will make our 1939 twice-a-week Appeal a real success. On with the twice-a-week Appeal on the road to the Daily!

DIRECTIVE ON NEW APPEAL TO APPEAR IN JANUARY! This week we are publishing a valuable article by Abe Miller, literature director of New York City. Comrade Abe held a meeting of all of New York's literature agents at which an intense discussion took place on his proposed plans.

We particularly want to call attention to a novel and original proposal offered by Abe. That is the idea of organizing routes for the Appeal. These routes, to be handled by comrades of the Party, will not only deliver the paper to individual subscribers living in the assigned area, but will concentrate their major efforts to increasing our newsstand circulation. We urge all agents for the Appeal to give this plan their careful consideration and if at all possible to put it into effect, even if only on a modest scale. There's something in it!

During the first week in January we plan to issue Appeal Army Bulletin No. 2. This bulletin will contain detailed information and directives on the following subjects. It will be distributed to literature agents throughout the country: (1) Facts about the new Appeal. Publication days, prices, how to get fast delivery, etc., etc. (2) New suggestions for increasing general circulation, newsstand coverage, getting subscriptions, etc. (3) Description of new features

planned in the Appeal. Comrade Karl Shier of Chicago, where is that article on how the Chicago local will handle the twice-weekly?

Although subs dropped somewhat during this past week, nevertheless everything indicates a record month during December. We'll let you know next week as soon as we've checked up on our records. Here is the list for the week:

NEW YORK CITY 9 Ohio 7 Minneapolis 6 Chicago 4 St. Paul 3 Massachusetts 2 Flint, Michigan 2 Detroit 1 California 1 New Jersey 1 Texas 1 Illinois 1 Total 38

Bundle order increases were as follows: 1. Quakertown, Pa., now taking a total of 30 per week. 2. Carl J. Hartman of the Philadelphia branch added 10 to his order, making a total of 50 per week. 3. The Advance Book Shop in distant Sydney, Australia, added three to its order for a total of nine copies per issue.

Last week we urged comrades to order their 1939 revolutionary calendar. Unfortunately, there was no room for the accompanying ad so that some confusion resulted as to what we were talking about.

Signal Publishers, not the Appeal, have issued this calendar. It can be obtained from the Appeal by writing us and enclosing 50 cents. This will include mailing costs and it will be mailed promptly.

Combination: C. L. R. James.....\$3.75 History of Negro Revolutions by C. L. R. James .25 Both for \$3.00

Special Bonaparte—by Eugene Tarle. The standard Marxist work on Napoleon and his times. 400 pages. Regular price, \$4.00. Our price, \$1.25. Additional 3c per book for postage.

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