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WORKERS PARTY FOR:

1. A Job and a decent living for every worker.
2. Open the idle factories—operate them under workers' control.
3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.
4. Thirty-thirty! \$30-weekly minimum wage—30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs.
5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability pension.
6. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
7. All war funds to the unemployed.
8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
9. No secret diplomacy.
10. An Independent Labor Party.
11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilante and Fascist attacks.

The Strike Can and  
Must Be Won

Every decent worker in the United States stands one hundred percent behind the W.P.A. strike.

The building trades unions of the A.F.L. have taken the lead in the fight against the infamous Woodrum Starvation Bill.

The C.I.O. is backing the strike to the hilt. Threats and intimidation haven't stopped the strike. They cannot break it. The power of united, militant, fighting labor is too strong to be broken that way.

That power is not merely the organized ranks of the building trades workers. It is backed by the enthusiastic solidarity of every worker in this country, skilled or unskilled, organized or unorganized, employed or unemployed.

THAT power numbers MILLIONS. All it needs to win is DETERMINATION.

If the building trades workers lose this fight, it will mean a blow, a sharp setback to all labor. But if they win—and they can and must win—they will set an example that will encourage and enthuse workers everywhere.

Who's AGAINST the strike?  
Mr. Starvation Woodrum, and all the Congressmen and Senators who have been working overtime on only one job: how to cut wages and lengthen the working-day. Of course, the gentlemen in Washington have their differences: some want to cut the heart out of W.P.A., while others want to cut it out entirely. None of them proposes to cut his own wages!

President Roosevelt is against the strike. Roosevelt's Colonel Harrington is against the strike and is ready to use scabs to break it. Roosevelt's Colonel Somervell is against the strike and is ready to use scabs to break it.

All the capitalist newspapers are against the strike and are begging the workers not to "fight the government."

But why worry about them?  
Woodrum and Roosevelt and Somervell and Harrington and all the newspapers put together can't dig a single ditch.

They can't pour a concrete foundation. They can't nail a stud or a shingle, lay a brick, plaster a wall, install a plumbing fixture or wipe a joint, or frame a window.

They can't put up as much as a shanty with threats or intimidation.

They can wave the Woodrum Bill or any other Bill from the Atlantic to the Pacific—but not one single building will go up as a result.

All power—above all the power to win their legitimate and very modest demands—lies in the mighty hands of the striking workers.

The only way the strikers can lose is if they let themselves be kidded out of that power!

The Government---  
Strikebreaker

At 1 o'clock on Monday, the president of the New York and Long Island Building Trades Council, Thomas A. Murray, declared:

"We are not intimidated in the least by the threat of Colonel Somervell that men who do not return to work tomorrow will be dismissed.

"Our work-stoppage protest against the vicious new W.P.A. law will continue tomorrow and thereafter until the prevailing rate principle, which Congress had steadfastly upheld for

five years until July 1, is restored"

That's the kind of talk we all want to hear! Any labor leader who continues to stick by his guns will deserve the support of labor.

Who is being threatened by the strike-breaking Roosevelt government and its W.P.A. officials?

Labor! Yes, labor!

When election-time rolls around, they all pose as Friends of Labor. They are all Labor's Benefactors. They are Labor's Protectors!

Labor—organized labor, unorganized labor—put the Roosevelt machine into office.

Result? The Roosevelt government has acted like any other employer. W.P.A. has been cut to the bone. Millions have been thrown off relief. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been poured into military and war expenditures.

Roosevelt can't find any money for a decent wage. He finds all he needs to prepare for mass murder.

Now, when workers are striking for a modest wage, Roosevelt and his W.P.A. appointees say:

"You can't strike against the government! Back to your jobs at slave wages and slave hours! If you don't want to work on our terms—then starve! We'll get scabs to take your places."

The answer of the workers must be:

## "We Fight On!"

"We won't work under starvation conditions for any boss—government or no government. We fought for years to get a decent living wage, and we won't give it up without a fight. And we have the power to win that fight."

The workers put their trust in Roosevelt, and got the double-cross.

The workers put their trust in Congress, in the New Deal, in "Labor's Friends"—and they got the Woodrum Bill.

They got the double-cross and the Woodrum Bill because the Roosevelt Government IS NOT THEIR GOVERNMENT, just as the Roosevelt Party IS NOT THEIR PARTY!

Let that be a lesson for a long time to come: Labor needs a party of ITS OWN. Labor needs a GOVERNMENT of its own.

It can get them only by relying on its own ORGANIZED STRENGTH.

And it can win this strike only by its organized strength.

Republican wage-slashers won't lead or win this strike.

Roosevelt W.P.A.-killers and scabs won't lead or win this strike.

## How W in the Strike?

In the first place, the workers must not allow their ranks to be divided.

That means: skilled workers and unskilled workers. UNITE!

The enemies of the strikers can win only if they succeed in pitting the skilled workers against the unskilled, using the one to weaken the other.

This is NOT a fight of the skilled workers alone. Therefore, they must do all in their power to bring the unskilled and unorganized workers into the ranks of union labor.

ONE ENEMY. ONE FIGHT. ONE FRONT!

In the second place, this fight cannot and will not be won by staying at home.

Every struck job must be surrounded by a mass picket line so strong and so tight that all the scabs Harrington and Somervell and all the other W.P.A. directors can scrape out of the mud won't be able to pass through.

A mass picket line of all W.P.A. workers, A.F.L., C.I.O., unemployed organizations—the skilled and the unskilled, organized and unorganized.

Unity of ALL the workers will win the strike!

Militancy will win the strike!

Raise the wage levels of the unskilled! Restore the prevailing rate for all workers! Stick it out till the Woodrum Starvation Bill is smashed!

## Roosevelt's Silence

The national W.P.A. relief administrator, Col. F. C. Harrington, is an appointee of President Roosevelt's. He has never been known to enunciate an important policy without the president's direct approval.

On May 23 the colonel appeared before the House Appropriations Committee and declared: "It is my recommendation that persons employed on projects of the W.P.A. be required to work 130 hours per month."

He said that with Roosevelt's approval.

While Harrington mouths all kinds of threats against the W.P.A. strikers, the president, by his silence, approves these attempts to intimidate the strikers.

This strike is, therefore, not only directed against Congress, which adopted the 130 hour provision as law, but against Roosevelt who initiated that provision. Lick them both, brother strikers!

Twin City W.P.A. Workers Stage  
Strike Against Starvation Bill

By CARL O'SHEA

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS, July 6—A

spontaneous walkout of W.P.A.

workers, estimated by the boss

press to embrace 12,500, developed

in Minneapolis and St. Paul

Wednesday morning after

the Fourth of July holiday. The

strike was started by the skilled

workers, in revolt against

the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief

bill which has cut wage rates

in half.

The strike began at 8 a. m.

on the big W.P.A. project at

the State Fair grounds. When

the men reported for work they

found posted a notice of the

new wage rates. Skilled workers

in the Twin Cities received

a cut in hourly wages from

\$1.25 to \$1.10, brought about by

the lengthening in hours from

7½ to 130. Intermediate workers

had their hours lengthened

from 80 to 130. The hours of

unskilled labor were boosted

from 88 to 130, all with corre-

sponding hourly wage slashes.

The 160 skilled workers at

the State Fair grounds project,

members of the building trades

unions, refused to start work,

as did a large number of un-

skilled workers. A series of

job meetings were held immedi-

ately, with the result that

both skilled and unskilled

workers walked off the job.

Strike sentiment spread rapidly

to other W.P.A. projects in the

Twin Cities, carried along by

roving bands of strikers.

Big Cities Solid

By the end of the day, 7,500

men in Minneapolis were out

and 5,000 in St. Paul. In Duluth

approximately the same result

obtained. That is, in the large

towns where the union move-

ment was entrenched, all

W.P.A. work was closed down.

Thursday morning a number

of workers went out to their

projects but refused to work,

and orders hastily came from

the W.P.A. office that if any

trouble started, any projects

still operating were to close

down immediately.

The main feature of the walk-

out so far is its unorganized

character. Everyone is boiling

mad at the W.P.A. slash, but

no one has a program. General

Drivers Local 544's Federal

Workers Section, at the invita-

tion of the building trades

unions, will send several dele-

gates to this afternoon's meet-

ing of the Twin Cities Building

Trades Council. Whether the

walkout collapses, or whether

the movement develops into a

mass strike demanding that

Congress reconsider its dam-

nable relief bill, restore the

prevailing wage, return those

fired from WPA to their jobs,

and pass a relief bill that will

give jobs to all unemployed at

union wages, will be deter-

mined by the decisions of the

Building Trades Council and its

sister bodies elsewhere.

Police Chief Forestal of

Minneapolis announced Thurs-

day that he would furnish police

protection if it were requested,

and Sheriff John Wall of Henne-

pin County said his policy will

be "to protect the public." The

law-and-order specialists in St.

Paul said the same thing.

RELIEF BOSSES' THREATS

As if to pour salt in the

wounds of the WPA workers,

relief heads in both Minne-

apolis and St. Paul announced

that no relief would be granted

W.P.A. strikers until at least

two weeks after the applicants

received their last pay check.

To top it off, State W.P.A.

administrator Linus Glotzbach

announced that "no time lost

from voluntary separation will

be considered as allowable

makeup time." In other words,

no strikers will be paid for the

time they are off the projects.

He gave a final dig by breaking

the news that another W.P.A.

cut of 3,780 will be made July

10 in Minnesota, in line with

Roosevelt's relief bill.

All day Wednesday delega-

tions from the projects were

visiting Local 544's Federal

Workers Section office for ad-

vice and directives, or were

phoning in asking for speakers.

Wednesday evening the F.W.S.

stewards met and voted to send

a delegation to the Thursday

meeting of the Building Trades

Council, where they will press

for a program of demands upon

Congress to scrap the relief

bill and pass a W.P.A. bill

that will restore the W.P.A.

cuts, restore the prevailing

wage clause, and increase the

number of W.P.A. jobs avail-

able.

The Federal Workers Section

has issued a call for a mass

meeting to be held Friday

morning, 10 o'clock, in the

Drivers Hall.

MOTOR CARAVAN ACTS

Thursday morning a caval-

cade of 150 cars filled with

W.P.A. strikers, mostly skilled

workers, toured the cities, see-

ing that all projects remained

closed. The temper of the work-

ers is very militant. Given any

sort of a positive program by

the union movement, this strike

will spread rapidly to a nation-

wide protest movement that

will command Congress to back

down on its starvation program

and put through a real public

works program.

For years the Federal Work-

ers Section has preached to the

unions of skilled workers that

they must join forces and give

leadership to the unemployed.

The lesson is now being driven

home with a jolt that will awake

even the most smug union

bureaucrat.

If an honest-to-God unem-

ployed movement existed na-

tionally to give leadership to

this spontaneous strike move-

ment, the W.P.A. workers

other than building trades could

really smash through with

their demands. Thanks to the

Stalinized Workers Alliance, no

such national organization serv-

ing the interests of the unem-

ployed exists.

(Later story on page 1)

California W.A.A.  
Exceeds Itself  
In Gross Stupidity

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

SAN FRANCISCO—It's heads

or tails sometimes whether the

plain stupidity of Workers' Al-

liance chiefs is not greater than

the deliberate duplicity which

leads them to divert the anger

of the W.A. rank and file from

expressing itself militantly

against Roosevelt's slash relief

program.

The other day the head chair-

men of the Stalinist-con-

trolled Workers Alliance order-

ed 30 pickets down to 433 Cal-

ifornia Street in San Francisco

to picket the United States

Chamber of Commerce.

The pickets assembled at the

address with placards and be-

gan picketing the Chamber of

Commerce, shouting appropri-

ate slogans against this arch-

reactionary organization, which

the Stalinists hold accountable

for the relief slashes instead of