

Governor Olson Indorsed for Third Term As Farmer-Labor Convention Swings to Left

DRIVERS STRIKE STILL ON; SCHOCH'S GROCERY TO BE MASS PICKETED

Strike in Third Week Finds Citizens' Alliance Lined Against Strikers; Little Hope for Settlement Seen by Labor Leaders

BITTER OPPOSITION OF ALLIANCE INDICATED AS STRIKE DRAGS ALONG

The strike of the drivers at the Andrew Schoch grocery, 296 East Seventh, is still on despite rumors to the contrary. All efforts to arbitrate the Labor difficulties at this plant appear to be blocked through the influence of the Citizens' Alliance, notorious anti-Labor organization financed by the large banking, industrial and retail interests of St. Paul.

"We want it distinctly understood," said Ray F. Wentz, special organizer of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, "that this strike was called to protest the flaunting of Section 7a of the national industrial recovery act. This section provides for collective bargaining through the chosen representatives of the union, and it has been my privilege to represent the general drivers involved in this difficulty."

Ruled by Alliance

"The Andrew Schoch grocery company is dominated by the Citizens' Alliance to such an extent that this firm does not sign an agreement with the drivers despite the fact that the company has orally agreed to all the provisions of the proposed contract. The Citizens' Alliance has secured an agreement with most of the large concerns in St. Paul to the effect that these concerns will not sign an agreement with a union. And that is why this trouble has not been settled. The Schoch company would rather remain loyal to the Citizens' Alliance and permit that organization to dictate its business policies than settle this difficulty as we all wish to have it settled."

"It is difficult for the organized

Machinists' Union to Sponsor Dance, Card Party, Apr. 7

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The International Association of Machinists, including die makers and auto mechanics, will give a dance and card party at the Regency Hall, 1212 and Wabasha, Saturday evening, April 7. There will be refreshments, free checking and awards.

"We are expecting a big crowd," said Mr. Anderson, "and we want all the machinists, mechanics and their helpers to turn out and make this post-lenten dance a real success. Our committee is working to put on a real event, and every trade unionist in the city is asked to come out and have a good time with us."

An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

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DIFFICULTIES WITH GEORGE BENZ SONS' COMPANY ADJUSTED

Building Trades Council Grievance Wholly Adjusted, Says Bernard McGlynn

Labor difficulties between the George Benz Sons' company and the St. Paul Building Trades Council were adjusted this week upon receipt of a letter from H. G. Benz, representing both the wholesale liquor company operated by the Benz interests and the real estate company bearing the Benz firm name. Mr. Benz stated that the Labor difficulties arose over letting certain contracts for the remodeling of the Benz liquor distributing plant to local contractors without specifying union Labor was to be used.

Mr. Benz stated that his company was not aware of the fact that this provision had not been made a part of the contract until the project was almost completed.

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Satisfactory to All

"As representative of the Building Trades," said Mr. McGlynn, "I am very glad that this difficulty has been adjusted, and Mr. Benz's letter confirming our conference, would indicate that this firm is likewise pleased with the outcome. Hereafter union Labor will be given first consideration in all building, repair and remodeling projects of the company."

100% Organization and Union Militancy Urged

WORCESTER, Mass.—"100% organization and militancy in dealing with employers is necessary for a strong union," F. M. Saltus, editor of The Labor News, told the members of Truck Drivers and Chauffeurs Union, Local 180, of Worcester, Mass.

TWIN CITIES RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY'S WORKERS VOTE UNION

Election Supervised by Regional Board Results in Favor of Legitimate Union

Employees of the Twin Cities Rapid Transit company voted to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor in an election supervised by the regional Labor board Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The balloting took place in both Twin Cities under the supervision of William W. Hughes, executive secretary of the Minneapolis-St. Paul board.

The issue was on the retention of the company union or affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, the result of the balloting being 1,074 in favor of the company union, and 1,287 in favor of the A. F. of L. Executive clerks were barred from taking part in the balloting under rules of the regional board.

Mr. Hughes stated that 81 ballots were disqualified, and it was estimated that approximately 2,500 employees were qualified to take part in the referendum. The international union to which the unionists expect to become affiliated is the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. The company union voted down last week is known as the Employees' Co-operative and Protective association.

1,000 Here to Sponsor Dance, Card Party, Apr. 7

Following an address by Governor Floyd B. Olson, there are approximately 1,000 available members located in St. Paul. The number in Minneapolis is much larger. However, bus drivers operating company buses are also eligible for membership in both cities and it is estimated that several hundreds of these drivers are available for membership.

The local union has already signed up a majority of the St. Paul contingent, according to M. J. Murray, international vice-president of the Amalgamated, and R. E. Sanderson, secretary of the local, stated that with the opening of the organization's charter a membership drive will be staged to bring every available employee of the street railway company's employees into the union.

A report of the supervised election was dispatched to the national Labor board by Mr. Hughes last Friday, praising the board of the final poll.

The CCC plans to plant 30,000,000 young trees in the spring to aid in control of erosion.

Typographical Union No. 30 Will Meet in Regular Session at 2 p. m. next Sunday, April 1, 1934, at the Labor Temple.

Important: Members must be in good standing to attend meetings and receive rebates, therefore all members are requested to bring their working cards with them for inspection at the door of the meeting. For the April meeting February dues must be paid.

ARTHUR M. HENGEL, Secretary-Treasurer.

REGISTER AND GET OUT THE VOTE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

All Unregistered Voters Urged to Register to Take Part in Election

The necessity of again urging all unregistered voters to register at the city hall in order to participate in the April 24 election was again stressed this week by Labor-Progressive leaders.

"April 7 is the last day anyone can register if they are eligible to vote and have not registered with the city clerk," said William F. Scott, Labor-indorsed candidate for city council. "We are stressing this fact because we feel that it is the duty of every legal citizen of St. Paul to take part in the municipal elections. Each year thousands of voters fail to take advantage of their privilege to vote, and as a consequence it sometimes happens that less than 50 per cent of the voters actually registered participate in the naming of public servants."

Register Now

"If you have lived within your precinct for 30 days and have not registered, you should register at once. If you have moved since the last election, notice of such change of address should be made at once at the city clerk's office. You have until April 13 to notify the clerk of your change of address. But unregistered voters positively must register on or before 9 p. m. on April 7."

"If you will be absent from the city on election day, you may cast your ballot in advance by visiting Room 33, City Hall, and paying 20 cents postage fee."

Man will be a sorry sight some five hundred million years from now, according to Dr. Desiderius Papp, German evolutionist. He will be 10 feet tall with a large head, no hair, no teeth, etc., just like some of us today.

LABOR-PROGRESSIVES WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN WITH RADIO BARRAGE

Broadcast to Open Drive Under Direction of E. D. McKinnon and Strategy Board

The opening guns of the present city campaign will boom Monday with an announced broadcast to open a general drive by the entire Labor-Progressive organization. House meetings are now being arranged and halls are being engaged for concentration meetings to be held in every section of the city. The entire Labor-Progressive ticket will take to the field next week and carry its fight through the weeks remaining until the general election on April 24.

A board of strategy will assist in mapping the campaign to be directed by E. D. McKinnon, who also managed the primary campaign which resulted in the naming of an entire ticket headed by Mayor Mahoney and Fred Miller, nominees for city controller.

Many Meetings

"We plan the most intensive campaign ever waged in the city by any group or individual," said Mr. McKinnon. "We plan scores of house and hall meetings in every ward in the city, and will also issue one or two newspaper broadcasts as in years previous. We have, in addition to the nominees, one of the largest corps of speakers we have ever had co-operating with us, and we are looking forward to some very effective campaigning."

"Our headquarters are now booking house meetings, and anyone wishing to have a neighborhood gathering in their home should get in touch with me at once. There will be several mass meetings during the course of the campaign and radio time has been contracted for the next three weeks."

Just who will open the campaign on Monday evening has not been announced, but it is said a prominent speaker will officially open the campaign for the Labor-Progressive group.

Hotel, Restaurant Employees to Give Dance April 7th

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers, Local No. 556, will give a dance at the Labor Temple Saturday evening, April 7. Hank's orchestra will furnish the music and there will be a free lunch. Admission, 35 cents.

700 DELEGATES CLAMOR FOR RADICAL PLATFORM FOR FARMER-LABORITES

Attorney General Harry H. Peterson, K. K. Solberg, Hjalmar Peterson, J. T. Lyons, and A. H. Kleffman to Carry Battle to People

SENATOR SHIPSTEAD INDORSED FOR THIRD TERM AFTER SPIRITED DEBATE

Without a dissenting vote Governor Floyd B. Olson was indorsed for a third term late Wednesday, and a complete state ticket was approved by the Farmer-Labor association convention which convened in the St. Paul auditorium Tuesday morning. Attorney General Harry H. Peterson was indorsed for a second term. State Representative Hjalmar Peterson, newspaper editor of Askov, was named lieutenant governor; John T. Lyons, business man of Le Center, was indorsed for state auditor; A. H. Kleffman, of Hibbing, tax accountant, was selected for state treasurer; Lieutenant Governor K. K. Solberg,

farmer of Clarkfield, was named for secretary of state; Speaker Chas. Munn, farmer of Onneto, was indorsed for railroad and warehouse commissioner, and Mrs. Laura E. Naplin, state senator, of Thief River Falls, was named for clerk of the supreme court. Senator Henrik Shipstead was indorsed for a third term with a vote of approximately 3 to 2 over Congressman F. H. Shoemaker.

A platform, with strong leanings toward the left, was adopted without much conflict Wednesday afternoon with a vote of approximately 3 to 2 on a question as to the temper of the 700 accredited delegates to the convention.

Welch Opened Session

State Chairman A. C. Welch, of Glenwood, formally opened the convention Tuesday morning, carrying a huge wooden axe to the speaker's table to be used as a gavel. He explained that the axe had been heven from a tree planted by one of the early pioneers in the progressive movement, and that this old liberal had asked him to use it as a gavel to open the 1934 convention of the Farmer-Labor party which grew out of the pioneer progressive movement. The axe blade carried "farmer" on one side and "labor" on the other.

If sounding the keynote of the convention, Chairman Welch, himself a dirt farmer, opened the meeting with a pronounced statement of will stand by the farmer until he gets a guarantee of the cost of production for his crops, and the farmer will stand by labor until it gets a living wage."

Praising President Roosevelt as the (Continued on Page Five)

REGIONAL LABOR BOARD WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS AGAINST SEEGER FIRM

April 3 Set as Date of Hearing Complaints of Discharged Paintshop Workers

The Minneapolis-St. Paul regional labor board has designated Tuesday, April 3, as the date for the hearing of complaints registered against the Seeger Refrigerator company by discharged employees, according to Ray F. Wentz, representing the discharged workers. Notice to this effect was received Thursday at the Labor Temple. The hearing will be held in Minneapolis.

Consideration of the Seeger case has been delayed for two weeks by the illness of the chairman of the regional board, Neil Cronin, who has been confined to a Minneapolis hospital.

"The case against the Seeger company," said Mr. Wentz, "is similar to many we have had against other St. Paul employers who have in our opinion violated section 7a of the NIRA which guarantees the right of employees to unionization and collective bargaining. The Seeger company, it is alleged, has discriminated against employees who have become identified with organized Labor. We have a number of affidavits on file with the regional board for several weeks, and we regret that Mr. Cronin's illness has delayed action on these complaints."

Discharged Employees

Among the affidavits presented by Mr. Wentz were those of a group of men discharged without notice because three employees in the paintshop of the Seeger company complained that other employees in another department were receiving five cents per hour more than the men in the paint shop. Complaint was made to the foreman who called the superintendent who immediately discharged the entire crew without ascertaining which workers had actually complained about the wage scale.

The other employees were discharged, it is alleged, because of their union activities.



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