

ON STRIKE!

Do Not Patronize These Stores

KAUFMANN'S

GIMBEL'S

ROSENBAUM'S

JOSEPH HORNE'S

FRANK & SEDER'S

They are engaged in a broadscale conspiracy to drive trade unionism from the Pittsburgh Department store industry.

They are not deserving of the support of union earned dollars nor those of the general public dependent upon workers for maintenance of high level purchasing power.

After nearly two decades of peaceful relations they suddenly repudiated agreements and laid down a prolonged economic siege designed to starve hundreds of loyal employees into submission.

They have caused eviction of these employees from their homes and converted stores into veritable military stockades, manned by armed constabulary and private thugs thus creating community terrorism.

Management representatives, most of whom are non-residents, have callously brought about the re-establishment of breadlines in the city. The stability of all industry here is threatened by this reprehensible attack upon the very principle of collective bargaining.

This is no longer a strike. It is a lockout. Scoundrelly negotiators, mouth a great deal of pious double talk, but they have not, and will not, sit down and negotiate with honesty and sincerity. Twenty-two unions are listed as representative pay-rollees at these stores. Not one individual is protected by contract. Under such conditions they either accept what is offered by management or they can be kicked out.

Pittsburgh heretofore has been considered the citadel of organized labor. It has now become the citadel of isolationism, so far as the merchandising industry is concerned.

As such it has forfeited all rightful claims to the trade dollars of the more than one half million families of organized workers in the Allegheny County industrial district.

We appeal to you, fellow workers, to members of your family and your friends, to confine your shopping to the neighborhood stores, until such time as management sees fit to negotiate an honorable peace in this dispute.

IF YOU HAVE A CHARGE ACCOUNT, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO RETURN YOUR CHARGE PLATES IMMEDIATELY.

Should these associated traffickers in human misery, be successful in regimenting wage rates and working conditions, you can rest assured their next monopolistic step will be to stifle free competition in the industry.

The stores activities in this controversy, amount to a declaration of industrial and civil war!