

**General audition excerpt 1. Wiesel, Jack, Race, Crutchie, Les, Davey.** Wiesel's papers are at an increased price which Jack leads the Newsies to reject.

**WIESEL**

Papes for the Newsies!

**JACK**

I'll take a hundred and be on my way.

**WIESEL**

A hundred'll cost ya sixty.

**JACK**

I ain't payin' no sixty-

**WIESEL**

Then make way for someone who will

**JACK**

You bet! Me and the fellas will take a hike over to the *Journal*.

**NEWSIES**

YEAH!!!

**WIESEL**

It's the same all around town. New day. New price.

**JACK**

Why the jack-up?

**WIESEL**

For them kind'a answers you gotta ask a little further up the food chain. So, you buyin' or movin' on?

**LES**

They can't just do that, can they?

**RACE**

Why not? It's their paper.

**CRUTCHIE**

It's their world.

**LES**

Ain't we got no rights?

**CRUTCHIE**

We got the right to starve. C'mon, let's get our papes and hit the streets while we still can.

**RACE**

At them prices?

**CRUTCHIE**

We got a choice?

**JACK**

Hold on. Nobody's payin' no new nothin'.

**LES**

You got a idea?

**JACK**

Keep your shirt on. Lemme think this through.

**RACE**

What's your angle?

**LES**

Stop crowdin' him. Let the man work it out...Hey, Jack, you still thinkin'?

**RACE**

Sure he is. Can't you smell smoke?

**JACK**

All right, here's the deal: if we don't sell papes, then no one sells papes. Nobody gets to that window till they put the price back where it belongs.

**DAVEY**

You mean like a strike?

**JACK**

You heard Davey. We're on strike.

**DAVEY**

Hold on. I didn't say-

**JACK**

We shut down this place like them workers shut down the trolleys.

**RACE**

And the cops will bust our heads! Half them strikers is laid up with broke bones.

**JACK**

Cops ain't gonna care about a bunch of kids. Right, Davey?

**DAVEY**

Leave me out of this. I'm just here trying to feed my family.

**JACK**

And the rest of us is on playtime? Just because we only make pennies don't give nobody the right to rub our noses in it.

**DAVEY**

It doesn't matter. You can't strike. You're not a union.