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71000 Vets Thrown Into Industrial Field by Government to Compete with Organized Labor; Young Workers League Plan Brought to Fore

By EDGAR HART.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Twelve thousand formerly disabled veterans, most of them young, will be thrown out onto the labor market to compete with the great over-supply of workers within three months, beginning with January, 1924. General Frank C. Hines, director of the Disabled Veterans Bureau, has issued an appeal to the scab-directing organization, the American Legion, to help find jobs for the American victims of the World War. He is also appealing to the large corporations, as well as to every labor hating body, to employ the former soldiers who were wounded protecting Morgan's millions.

During the last three months 10,000 "rehabilitated" vets were turned out into the labor market, and there are now 71,000 more in vocational training schools all over the country.

With the rapidly advancing depression and the continued unemployment which is evident, there is no doubt that these crippled and wounded ex-soldiers are going to have a tough time competing with the workers already employed and unemployed.

There is no doubt that efforts will be made to place these war victims at lower wages in jobs already occupied by workers, unorganized and organized. No action is being taken by the American Federation of Labor to act on behalf of the wounded vets, or to protect the interest of all the workers concerned.

In view of the aid solicited of the American Legion, an organization that has already betrayed the service men on the bonus question, in exploiting the wrecked soldiers, this is an opportune moment for the American Federation to put into action the program for the organization of the youth advanced by the Young Workers League of America in the conference with Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L.

Recognizing that the American Legion has had close connections with the bosses in fighting against the interests of the workers, General Hines, in addressing the Legion on behalf of the 71,000 "rehabilitated" war vets, says:

"You legionnaires are in touch with employers; many of you are employers yourselves; any Legion posts have employment officers who are constantly looking up employ-

20 Senators Involved in Veteran Bureau Grafting Scandal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Testifying before the Senate committee to investigate the corruption and graft in the Veterans' Bureau, Brigadier General Sawyer, personal physician to the late President Harding, revealed that former Director Forbes was dismissed from his position because he had continued to sell quantities of new supplies stored at a camp at Perryville, Md., after the president had ordered him to stop. The goods were being disposed of to a ring of easy-money bidders at one-fifth to one-tenth of their value.

Another witness testified that about 20 senators, "friends of mine," intervened against unfavorable reports on one hospital site purchase, and forced the deal thru, thereby involving payment of twice the fair value of the land. Only one of the names of the senators, Bursum of New Mexico, was revealed, and the committee did not even want to know those of the others, although at least one is prominent as a candidate for the presidential nomination in the 1924 election.

This senator was \$60,000 found to have helped to land a \$400,000 furniture contract for his former political manager. This amount was sufficient, says the present director of the bureau, to last 100 years.

This is the reward that the returned soldiers got for having "fought a war for democracy," to fight a "war to end all wars," and finally to return to a country where "nothing would be too good for them." It seems that there was nothing too good for them. They even had furniture polish bought for them which would last them not only for the rest of their own lives, but also for those of their grandchildren.

The policy of the capitalists and politicians of this country in enriching themselves at the expense of the soldiers who fought in the World War is being carried on in the same disgusting fashion as it was during the war itself, when millions of dollars of profit were made while thousands and thousands of young workers who had been dragged into the army were losing their lives, fighting so that the world would be made safe for the profits of American and Allied capitalism.

When the capitalists of this country try to drag the young workers of this country into another war, let us hope that they will be sufficiently well organized to put their strength together and then shooting down their brother workers in other lands for the profits of their bosses.

Ted Kosloff for Russ Recognition.
Theodore Kosloff, master of the Russian ballet and famous screen star known to millions, has expressed himself in favor of recognition by the United States of Soviet Russia. In an interview with a newspaper man, he said, "Of course, I am in favor of the recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States. Where is there a Russian who is not?"

Engdahl, Communist Editor, Greets Young Worker In New Form

J. Louis Engdahl, Editor, "The Worker," "An effort to create something new is always laudable. But special congratulations are due the Young Workers League for its efforts to popularize its literature by issuing the official organ in this new form. The greatest problem before any organization, and especially the Young Workers League, is to arouse the interest and hold the attention of new readers and members. This should be easier of accomplishment thru the changed style and more interesting content of "The Young Worker." There is much basis for the belief that the task of the political education of the working class youth of the nation will be made easier thru the publication of "The Young Worker" in newspaper form. There is no doubt that it will have an increased value and become a growing aid in the formation of a mass young Communist movement in this country."

Pershing Favors Huge Army and Navy Force Before Retirement as Commander

WASHINGTON.—General Pershing, retiring what is supposed to be his last report as member of the army general staff before his retirement next year at the age of 64, declared that it is necessary to create a strong, efficient corps of officers "to instruct our men and to lead them to battle."

In his swan song, Pershing submits a plan whereby 77,000 reserve officers could be trained to lead an army composed of the regular military units of the United States, the militia of the various states, and the men trained in the so-called citizen's military training camps in case of war.

Regarding the fact that despite official and unofficial propaganda in its behalf, the citizen's military training camps have not been doing so well, Pershing recommended a continuation of this activity.

A regular army of 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers is one of the suggestions in the ex-commander in chief's report.

The National Security League is cooperating with General Pershing and other members of the United States army general staff in putting the United States on a more efficient war footing, despite the exorbitant expenditures now being made for belligerent purposes.

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Students Call for International Youth Conference To Act Against Wars and For World Relations of Workers and Students; Communist Appeal Heard

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE DELEGATES INTRODUCE RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL; AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS DEMANDED; EXPOSE PROFESSOR'S LEAGUE OF NATIONS APPEAL. (Special to "The Young Worker").

By MARTIN ABERN.

BALTIMORE, MD.—The decision to call a world conference at London in 1924 to unify all efforts to prevent wars and to unite more closely in thought and action, all young workers and students and the unanimous passage of a resolution presented by a Young Workers League delegate, calling for the release of all political prisoners were the outstanding events in the eastern conference of liberal and radical students just held at Goucher College, Baltimore.

Fifty representatives, Swarthmore, Harvard, Vassar, South Carolina, Colgate, Brown, Wellesley, Union Theological, Hopkins, Washington (negro) Bryn Mawr, Oberlin, Barnard, Princeton, Hunter, Smith and many others, and two delegates from the young communist organization, the Young Workers League of America, Herbert Zam, secretary of New York, and Martin Abern, national secretary.

The conference, though a long way from being radical or revolutionary, listened carefully and attentively to the communist view point presented by comrades Zam and Abern on many subjects. The backwardness of the conference could be traced not to opposition to revolutionary ideas, but to the surprising lack of information and knowledge of the world and to the ignorance in which the large percentage of the students had been reared. Social, political and radical prejudices of long standing, lives of comparative ease, luxury and leisure without direct contact with the real miserable conditions prevailing in capitalist society were, however, somewhat balanced by the events during and since the World War, the likelihood, the inevitability of another even more devastating war which would draw everyone into its fire, and caused those clustered students to think of ways and means to prevent another holocaust.

In moving for an international conference to be held in London, they also wisely suggested that all working class youth organizations be invited, seeing that their hopes of preventing war without that direct aid of the workers, were futile. The National Student Forum was instructed to do the preliminary work of arranging this world wide conference. Communist Youth Expose Capitalist League of Nations.

The so-called League of Nations, universally known to the workers as the League of Bandit Capitalism, was lengthily discussed by the delegates and by H. A. Gibbons, professor of History at Princeton, and Charles H. Levermore of the League of Nations Union in America. Gibbons favored staying out of the League because of the mess in which America would be involved, but advocated the World Court if it would not be connected with the League. Levermore made

League Members Win in Philadelphia Raid Case. By D. PLATAIN. (Special to "The Young Worker"). PHILADELPHIA.—The Young Workers League of this city scored a victory when the court handed down a decision that the arrest of comrades Frank de Nardo and Baral Luigi, secretary and chairman respectively of the local Italian branch of the League, on August 14th, was illegal. The confiscation of the literature and documents of the branch was declared illegal also and ordered returned.

The two comrades had been arrested for holding an open meeting without a police permit, and all the literature, documents, photographs of Lenin, Trotsky and others, and the charters of the League and the Workers Party were confiscated. The comrades were defended by the National Defense Committee and the Italian branch of the Workers Party.

For some unknown reason, the photographs of the world known revolutionists were not returned to the branch, and the charters were kept because the police gave the absurd excuse that the charters were not obtained from the State of Pennsylvania. Measures are being taken to recover both the photographs and the charters.

K. K. K. Fails to Scare Collinsville, Ill.
COLLINSVILLE, ILL.—Ku Klux Klan threats to the personal safety of two members of the recently organized Young Workers League branch here marked the return from a meeting tonight of comrades Karpovich and Katilus.

Two of the Koo Koo's, having been offered the Young Worker, official organ of the League, for sale, began to ask questions as to what kind of a magazine it was. When told that it was a young workers' paper, they asked who published it and who was the leader of the group in Collinsville. Karpovich replied that he was one, and the member of the Hooded Hoods tried to tear the Young Workers from the hands of the two young workers, and throw them away. They did not succeed in doing this because of the comrades' firmness.

The two comrades to their homes threatened with visits to their homes at night, and ordered to "get off the street in ten minutes before we give you a ride in the country."

Anna Barron, secretary of the Collinsville branch, was also present.

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ment openings for veterans who need work. . . . If you know of a job, any kind of a job (), open now or that will be open within the next six months let us know, so we can give a rehabilitated veteran a chance at it. . . . Many large corporations are assisting in this work and we, as legionnaires, should bend every effort toward it also."

The problem of the disabled vets, which is being handled so rottenly by the American Legion and the boss controlled government, assumes tremendous proportions when it is known that one out of every four men who was drafted or enlisted for service in the World War was either killed or disabled.

"Tuberculosis and nervous disabilities as a result of army service are steadily increasing," declares the American Red Cross in a circular recently issued. This means an increase in the number of men who will be "rehabilitated" in the government vocational schools and then sent out, handicapped because of physical ailments, on an already oversupplied labor market and in charge of the executioners of labor, the American Legion.

Young Omaha Girl Appeals for Organization of Youth.

OMAHA, Neb.—"A young woman, whose name is being withheld by the Central Labor Union of this city, has appealed to that organization on behalf of the office workers who are being bitterly exploited on the one hand by the bosses who give them low wages, and on the other hand by employment agencies that charge large sums for jobs.

The Central Labor Union of Omaha is communicating with Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, to get him to act in the matter and to aid in the organization of the office workers.

"I am confident that we can perfect an organization if you will only help us," declares this young girl in her appeal. "I know a number who are anxious, just as anxious as I am to get into an organization which will protect our rights. I appeal to you to give us your aid and assistance."

Case of 11 Year Old Communist Dismissed; League Members Win in Philly and W. Va. K. K. K. Tries Terror in Illinois Mining Towns

By HARRY FOX.

NEW YORK.—Justice Hoyt today dismissed any and all charges against Leo Granoff, who was arraigned because the Bomb Squad considered him a dangerous radical whose activities were likely to lead to the overthrow of the government within a week.

Granoff, 11 years old, is member of the Harlem group of the Junior League of the Young Workers League of America, and was arrested some days ago while waiting on a street corner for his mother to return from a theater. A detective in questioning him, found that he carried on his person a copy of The International, The Red Flag and membership cards for the Junior Section. The newspapers immediately made a sensation out of the affair and an usual misrepresented the aims and purposes of the Junior Section.

Miss Etta V. Leighton, of the National Security League, demanded an immediate investigation into the activities of the organization and was promptly taken up by the Young Workers League, which challenged the Security League to appoint a committee of seven, three from both organizations and one from the Chicago Federation of Labor to inquire into the aims and activities of the two leagues.

The New York local of the Young Workers League held a large protest meeting at which Leo Granoff, among other junior comrades, spoke up and explained the real aims of the Junior Section and of the League itself. Granoff has not backed down from his previous stand of belief in the principles of the young communist organization and is as much in the work as ever.

Comrade Granoff was very pleased to receive the telegrams which were sent to him from Chicago by junior groups and the older organizations as well, and which congratulated him on his fight, pledging their support to him and the Junior Section.

Valentine Triumphs Over Scabs
MERIDEN, W. Va.—After having begun a suit for libel against A. J. Valentine, member of the Young Workers League of America, and local leader of the progressive miners, because he had written an article showing up their scab tactics, the libel bringers, members of a Slovenian fraternal organization, lost their nerve and backed down on the suit.

Valentine presented the facts whenver one of them dared to maintain that his statements were untrue, and



Young Leo Granoff

he had demanded the expulsion of the scabs from the fraternal society, in which he had been instrumental in passing a rule that scabs were not entitled to membership.

The wrath of the scabs and reactionaries of this section had been incurred by the translation into Slovenian and the publication of the Constitution of the Red International of Labor Unions and the Program of the Progressive Miners, both of which jobs were done by comrade Valentine himself.

World Conference of Workers and Students to be Held in London

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Waukegan and Goucher Conferences Compared.

The Waukegan, Ill., conference of students held last June was attended by a more radical element than the one held in Goucher. But the eastern conference brought together newer elements, especially southerners, to whom new ideas were presented. These students hadn't known what was going on in industry, politics, war and misery and the communist delegates there helped greatly to enlighten them. In spite of prejudices, many sections of the students are not hopelessly conservative. They merely have prejudices that can and will be broken down.

A break from the old prejudices, social and racial, could be seen in the fact that negro delegates sat together in the conference with students from Southern colleges.

However, these, like the other prejudices, will vanish. It is of course, a slow job, but time is with the workers and against the capitalists. Wherever we can we must urge the united front. In a campaign for Hands Off Workers' Germany, there is no doubt that we can enlist a section of the students to stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers to prevent the manufacture and shipment of munitions for counter revolutionary purposes; to try and prevent American young workers and students from being dragged into another capitalist war. Eventually, sections of the students will be drawn into the ranks of the communist youth to participate actively in our struggle against capitalism.

Students Leader Calls For Action.

As Miss Eleanor Phelps of the National Students Forum declared: "We cannot wait nor forever investigate and study all the facts, conditions of war and strife. We are in no position to do that. Rather we must act as best we can the true state of things and then we must act."

Joined by the students, the young workers will lead the way, but as always, our steadfast reliance is upon ourselves, the workers, the lastingly dependable for the struggle for capitalism's abolition and the establishment of workers' rule!

INTERNATIONAL LIEBKNECHT DAY.

International Liebknecht Day will be celebrated all over the world on January 20, 1934. In this country the celebrations will be held under the auspices of the Young Workers League of America. Locals of the League are buying themselves with preparations for an unprecedented number of demonstrations on this day of the young workers of the world and there is no doubt but that the young workers will turn out in masses to the meetings.

Speakers of the best quality are to speak in the large and small meetings and all should come in masses. Come and add your voice to the protesting mass of youth! Down with exploitation of the workers, young and old! Away with the rotten conditions of capitalist wars! Up with way of the working class against the bosses, until the hog-jawed gang of handits shall be forever wiped off the map of the civilized world.

Attend the International Liebknecht Day celebrations in masses. Make this January 20th a historic day in the chronicle of the communist youth movement of America!

Some time ago, the national office of League received a shipment of a booklet by Leon Trotsky, "My Flight From Siberia." With only a review in the columns of The Young Worker to boost it, a couple of thousand copies were sold in a few weeks. The demand was so great that the office was obliged to order more. We have the booklets and a copy can be had for 25 cents, 20 cents in bundle orders. If you wish to read this remarkable story of adventure, of an excellently told escape from exile in Siberia after the defeated Russian revolution of 1905, a story which is all the more interesting because it actually happened, then send in your order immediately. The booklets are going, going fast, and unless you send in your order right away, they will be gone. First come, first served!

K. K. K. and Official Persecution Against Young Communist Fail

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Linville branch declares that the cowardly attempts at intimidation by the K. K. K. will not stop the work of the young communists in this mining town. "We are going to show them that we will work that much harder to get our brothers and sisters out of these Hellholes in which they are forced to work in order to make a living, in order to support their families."

Marrissa League Meets Yet; Covered Knights To Be Acted Against by Miners.

(Special to "The Young Worker").
MARRISSA, ILL.—The new Young Workers League branch here is being subjected to the terrorism of the hooded cowards that go under the name of the Ku Klux Klan.

The League branch, in conjunction with the Workers party arranged a Russian Revolution meeting at which T. R. Sullivan of St. Louis, was to speak. The posters for the meeting enraged the Koo Kooos, especially when a league member put one on a cart in his mine, and they forced the hall owner to refuse the communist permission to hold their meeting there, thus necessitating the calling off of the affair.

In spite of threats of the worst kind of punishment and terror to be meted out to the radicals, the League is meeting and is working to enlist the full strength of the miners here behind a drive against the K. K. K.

Communist Youth Beat Intern'l Soccer Champs

CHICAGO.—The Karl Liebknecht soccer football team of the Young Workers League of Chicago beat the Victoria Ha here today at Green View and Wrightwood to the tune of 2 to 1.

The game was a clinic to the young Communist stalwarts and they beat the bourgeois team with ease. Comrades Wagner, Zerba, Sandy and Myerscough were the shining lights as usual, and they let the world know who they were by their red jerseys, with the Young Workers League insignia on their chests.

The last game played by the young Communist team was with the Western Electric Company team, a boss-controlled affair. The Western Electric boys were the champions of the International Soccer Football League of which both teams are members, but they went down in defeat before the superior playing and kicking of the Liebknecht boys. The score was 2 to 1, the winning point being made ten minutes before the game ended.

Games are played by our team every Sunday, and plans are being made for the formation of additional teams. Those wishing to join should apply at 1911 Center St. any Friday evening. Ask for the Karl Liebknecht Branch Sports Manager.

New York Organizes Youth White Collar Slaves.

NEW YORK.—The campaign of the bookkeepers, stenographers and accountants to organize the bank clerks and office workers in the financial district is proving to be a success. Over 15,000 circulars have been distributed in a sensational publicity stunt engineered by the union. The office workers' union has a membership of 3,000 and is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Pershing for Huge U.S. Military Force

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General Pershing is known as one of the foremost advocates of the citizen's military training camp, and there is no question that regardless of his retirement (should it take place next year), he will be one of the leading lights in the militarization of the American youth employed in industry and elsewhere.

A move has been started to have Congress appoint General Pershing permanently in charge of the United States military forces, since he has been the most active open proponent of a militarized America.

Whether he maintains his official position or not, there is no doubt that the former leader of the American Expeditionary forces will not retire from active military work.

Coolidge Closes Child Labor with Booze in Message to Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Classing the abolition of child labor with booze and dope, President Coolidge in his message to Congress entirely evaded the real question of the abolition of child labor.

The strikebreaker President is for a limitation of child labor (the form of which he does not make clear), but believes that the actual enforcement of any laws regarding the tolling youth should be left to the various states, and would depend a lot on the moral force of "public opinion."

In his speech, Cal Coolidge was very careful to point out to the capitalists now employing the 2,500,000 children in the United States, in their mines, shops or factories, that he does not propose any drastic measures, but feels that as a moral issue it would be a pretty good idea if some sort of phrase was passed by Congress regarding the exploitation of children.

There is no doubt that even should Congress accept the vague recommendations of Coolidge, the situation of the millions of child slaves would not be released, as the President's declarations do not vary materially from the opinion of the United States Supreme Court when it threw out two national child labor laws.

It is very significant to note that the action of the many philanthropic organizations in behalf of the child workers in this country, as well as the half-hearted efforts by the so-called Gompers, has resulted in an about-face on the whole proposition by the President in his message.

Gompers and his type were and are relying on the kind heartiness of the capitalist politicians, and there is no question but what these hired men of straw consider first the cut in profits which would result from any drastic elimination of child labor.

From the recent statement of the President it is clear that if the workers, union men or no, want any action taken in regard to their children now being exploited to the extent of 2,500,000, no results can be expected from the policy followed by Gompers in harmony with the pro-capitalist National Child Labor Committee, and the strike-breaking Young Woman's Christian Association.

The remedy lies in direct protest by organized labor, and the formation of a mass-labor party which shall have as one of its planks, a direct and unequivocal demand for the immediate abolition of child labor up to the age of 18, regardless of the effects to the capitalist system.

Christmas Toys

By MARTIN ABERN.

There's nothing like Christmas charity. Huge American jobbers and owners of gigantic department stores are importing millions of dollars worth of beautiful German toys, made from the sweat and blood of starving German workers. The children of the American rich, with a few exceptions, will receive these toys and joy in them. The German workers made these tokens of pleasure and delight. Their children will have, perhaps, a crust of bread, cold cheerless houses, despair, misery, starvation and death everywhere about them.

American jobbers of these toys will, indeed, have a "Merry Christmas." The children of the American workers will have empty stockings. Already the workers are beginning to feel the pinch of unemployment, which, quite properly, increases around winter time. The coal mines in Illinois, the copper mines in Michigan, the textile and woolen mills in the New England states are closing down, the steel production is falling rapidly, manufacture in the light and heavy industries is declining. Unemployed workers think of bread in the larder, not of toys for their kids.

Both American and German capitalists enrich themselves at the expense of the starving German workers. While American buyers purchase at comparatively cheap prices from German manufacturers and sell at a huge profit in America, German manufacturers receive their money in either American dollars or merchandise. The German manufacturers are not starving.

By demanding the money or merchandise of the country to whom they sell the toys, the German capitalists trench themselves. The New York Times, in its issue of Nov. 22, points out this fact quite plainly. It says, "This year, German manufacturers are asking for their pay in American dollars or in merchandise. The same procedure, it was said, is being followed with England and Holland, which are toy buyers, and by receiving pay in the terms of currency of the buying countries, German manufacturers are building up reserves outside of Germany."

The dollar sign profit on the toys for the American and German capitalists means hunger and cold and starvation for the German workers, rickets for the children, unemployment for the many toy workers in America, Christmas-Jesus Christ and the cross! Sinclair Lewis had it right: "The dollar sign has chased the crucifix clean off the map." The Money International—The Grab International or Grabintern is right on the job.

While the American and German profiteers receive dollars for the sale of their toys, the German workers, the toy makers "in the toyshop of the world," receive but scanty wages, not enough for even the barest existence. The German toy workers, seeing the efforts of their labor being sold in other countries at high prices, demanded wages either in dollars or pounds or whatever the currency of the country to whom the toys were sold.

Further, the New York Times states, "Tariff schedules have not checked the German toy invasion. Another boom to the German toy industry came from the Japanese earthquake. During and following the World War, Japan stepped forward rapidly as a manufacturer of American Christmas presents, particularly of dolls. In 1920 the Japanese (capitalist) had a considerable edge on German manufacturers in the competition for American trade and in 1921 the two nations were reported to be fairly nearly equal. Since then Germany has forged ahead, particularly this year."

The cruelty of capitalism surpasses all bounds. The above simple statement tells volumes of the mendacity, the "Christian charity" of capitalism. "Another boom to the German toy industry came from the Japanese earthquake." It is as if some one presented you with a coffin.

Don't stand outside! Join the Young Workers League NOW!

RAN MIAMI, FLA. In answer to the seal policy of the American Legion, while in convention here, in officially endorsing a seal tax-levy company and barring union taxis from the street in front of the convention hall, the Chauffeur's Union of this city went on record against the American Legion policy. The recognition of the anti-labor policy of the office-controlled Legion is considered significant in the face of the recent endorsement of the sealby Legion by the Portland Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Read the YOUNG WORKER. It is your paper!

BEG PARDON!

In the table of young workers in various occupations printed in the December number of The Young Worker there were, unfortunately, several errors. The table should have read as follows:

Occupation	10-14 yrs.	15-19 yrs.	Total
Agriculture	475,985	1,174,750	1,650,735
Mining	2,148	102,578	104,726
Manufacturing	59,985	1,402,606	1,462,591
Transportation	6,261	261,247	267,508
Trade	32,057	317,939	349,996
Public Service	361	61,236	61,597
Professional	1,423	106,507	107,930
Domestic	26,653	291,554	318,207
Clerical	26,836	643,971	670,807
Total	635,657	4,344,052	5,019,709

R. BERGSON, Director Research.

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Acquitted for Violation of Child Labor Law Editor Voices Protest

BALTIMORE, MD.—A vast increase in the number of colored youth leaving the schools and entering industry was revealed by a principal of one of the public schools in Baltimore in which there are a large number of colored pupils enrolled. The occasion for the statement was the dismissal of several men found guilty of violating the child labor law of that state by Magistrate Potes in the Southern Police Station. In the December issue of the Young Worker appeared a special article on the awful conditions of child workers in the State of Maryland, particularly in the vicinity of Baltimore, and the large number of colored youth employed.

The release of the child exploiters by Magistrate Potes was the occasion for an indignant protest on the part of the colored paper, the Afro-American, of Baltimore. Though in favor of the capitalist system, this colored paper is emphatic in its protest against the exploitation of the young colored worker, and says: "There is never any excuse for making tolling slaves of children and even where the family life fails to function properly the community should step in to prevent the denial of the birthright to any child."

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On the Verge of Revolution

By MAX SHACHTMAN

The German workers, led by the Communist Party and Young Communist League of Germany, now stand on the very doorstep of revolution, of overthrowing the capitalist government and instituting the German Soviet republic by means of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The German Communists are in this advantageous position because of two outstanding facts. The first is the terrible misery of the working class and the impoverishment of the so-called middle, professional and intellectual classes; the second is the correct application of the united front policy by the Communists themselves.

The government of Germany is breaking down and splitting apart like the hull of a rotten ship. Individual states successively defy the central government at Berlin. Separatist movements flourish; reaction and fascism smicker at the attempts of the chancellor to hold them in check. The collapse in finances is amazing. From April 1 to August 31 of this year the income (in millions of marks) was 17,498,144 while the expenditures were 1,237,574,896, the income thus covering only one and one-half per cent of the expenditures. The growth of indebtedness during that same period was from 7,204,064,000 to 1,196,294,527,000,000 marks. Further, during July the total revenues of the government were 50,000,000 gold marks, obtained thru no less than fifty-six varieties of taxes. And the significant part of this fact is that more than three-quarters of this sum was raised either wholly or in part from the working class!

Now, the Germans are ready to capitulate to the French in the Ruhr, providing not for any alleviation of the distress of the workers, but for a profitable division of the industries between Loucheur of the French Comité des Forges and Stinnes of the big German industrialists. The working class has lost complete faith in the ability of any bourgeois government to help them in their hour of starvation. The only roads that were left open to them were Communism or Fascism.

The latter's hold on the German workers was shown to be weak by the swift and ridiculous failure of Ludendorff and Hitler to organize a successful uprising against the "regime" governments of either Bavaria or Berlin. The uprising was immediately suppressed, the ringleaders were captured and the movement fizzled out.

The road lies open to the Communist revolution. The tactics of the German Communists have proved to be a complete victory and vindication of the policy of the united front. The German Communists have got the most possible results and benefits out of the united front in that country. Thru their wise tactics they got the rank and file of the Social-Democratic party to force their leaders into a united front in the provinces (states) of Saxony and Thuringia. In both these states, the Communists and Socialists formed a united government, into the cabinet of which both factions entered. There, the Communists showed the masses of workers that they were the only party which was ready at all times to fight for the elementary needs of the masses. They put the Socialists in the position of either forsaking the interests of the workers, or those of their traitorous role, chose to leave the workers in the lurch. Part of the Social-Democratic party, angered and disgusted by the tactics of their leaders, formed a left wing. Many more joined the Communist party outright.

The logical conclusion of the united front is the detachment of the masses from the leadership of the right wing, and adherence to the Communists. This has been achieved in Germany and the Communists have nothing more to gain from that policy. There is, in fact, much to be lost. Should the Communists again appeal to the treacherous Socialists to join them in the defense of working class interests, it would only serve to continue in the minds of the workers the illusion that the Socialists are capable and willing to go along with the workers. This is not true either of the right or left wing of the Social-Democratic party.

There is but one more step to be taken by the German Communists before they call upon the workers to

overthrow the capitalist government by force of arms and number and form a Soviet state. That step is the counting of noses. No working class revolution can be successfully carried out unless the majority of the workers are on the side of the Communists, the only force which is willing to go thru with and lead the revolution. Practically, the majority of the German workers are today on the side of the Communists. But this must be made a certainty before any call to action is issued. Tens of thousands of workers are streaming into the ranks of the Communists. The largest trade union in the world, the Metal Workers, is under the overwhelming influence of the Communists and would have been in their hands had not the yellow Socialist leaders manoeuvred the last convention delegate allotment to favor themselves. The same with the textile workers, the railway workers and dozens of others. The pauperized white collar slaves, professional men, intellectuals and students are coming over to the Communists. The Communists have but to make sure of a definite majority, and the moment for decisive and final action will have been reached!

But there are breakers ahead. The course of a workers' revolution to Communism is not over a calm lagoon, but over a tumultuous sea, beset by enemy craft, hidden mines, storms from the outside and dissensions from within. The capitalist countries which surround Germany will not look on without taking adverse action, just as they did when the Russian workers shed their chains in 1917. France, England, Italy and the other countries will intervene, whether by sending troops of their own or of their vassals, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, the Balkan countries, whether by subsidizing counter-revolutionaries in Germany or enforcing a blockade against Soviet Germany.

Yet, these dangers must not be overestimated—nor overlooked. In spite of the cunning agitation being carried on in England for a coronation of battleships to be sent into the North and Baltic seas, the chances of intervention are decreased by the recent gains of the Labor Party and the resultant fall of the pound sterling; and it is a commonly accepted belief that in a month or so MacDonald, leader of the Laborites, will be called upon by King George to form a cabinet, Poland which would be the first country considered by France as a tool for intervention into a soviet Germany, is going thru sharp political, financial and industrial crisis and has quite a bit of its own troubles. Besides, should Poland attempt to stop the sending of material help to Germany from Russia, she will have more on her hands than she bargained for. Czecho-Slovakia has a huge and powerful Communist party which would take stringent measures against any counter-revolutionary attempt by its government. Bulgaria is seething with an approaching revolt of the workers and peasants which will be even more formidable than the first one because of the prestige and influence which the Communist party is gaining among the workers and particularly among the peasants, in spite of its first defeat.

America comes next in line and concerns us the most. The industrial lords and financiers of this country are already aware of Germany's condition and they are frantically in search of some means of rescuing a brother capitalist nation from the approaching "calamity" of working class rule. Morgan has already proposed a billion dollar loan to the bankrupt German government. Coolidge wisely refused to have the United States government loan the money because the budget bureau's estimate on receipts and expenditures shows that where the balance on hand in the treasury at the end of the fiscal year of 1924 is \$270,939,145, at the end of the fiscal year of 1925 it will be only \$34 more, that is, \$270,939,179; and so he suggests that the loan be swung by private finance. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, is suggesting the creation of a foreign commercial credit for food supplies for Germany (letter to Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs) in an effort to give temporary—relief to the German state. Samuel



Gompers, evil angel of the American Federation of Labor, sensing the impending doom of his German brother bureaucrat, is agitating for the collection of money to be sent to the leaders of the German trade unions for distribution to the workers in an attempt to bribe them with a decent meal and get them to depart from their rising revolutionary feelings. Committees for similar collections are springing up all over the country, the one in Chicago having as its prominent sponsor Charles Piez, of the war time Emergency Fleet Corporation, and Jul. a Rosenwald, of the anti-union, slave-driving Sears, Roebuck Co.

Against all these efforts to forestall a working class revolution in Germany, the class-conscious workers of the entire world will launch their counter attack. We will send relief, but working class relief such as we sent to Soviet Russia. We will collect money for the hungry German masses to be distributed thru the International Workers' Relief Committee (American representative, the Friends of Soviet Russia and Workers' Germany), which is already doing wonderful work in feeding masses of German workers. We will agitate in this country for the success of the German workers and against any form of intervention by this government or those that own it, the capitalists and bankers.

The German capitalist state is breaking down. The government and the capitalists are unable to finance the usual margin of imports. The mark is floating around somewhere in the seventh heaven and as a result the distribution of supplies from the farms to the cities has stopped, leaving the workers without food. Unemployment is widespread and the people are unable to buy food even though it were obtained from Germany, points a black picture of the thousands of children and adults dying every day from lack of food. The dairy products, milk, cream and fats, so necessary for the lives of children, are never seen. For the first six months of the year 1923 10,882 slaughtered for food, the figures not including those killed on farms—and conditions grow worse hourly.

Unable to stand their inhuman conditions any longer, the German workers, the old and especially the young, are being forced to take the next step in the evolution of human society. They are about to cast capitalism on the dunghheap of history and build for themselves a society of human beings. They are moving slowly towards that desirable goal, led by the tried and true, the communists, they are about to make the first move in that direction, the creation of the Soviet Republic of Germany, the ally and sister of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics!

Y. M. C. A. Scabs on Striking Railway Shopmen

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Cooperation on the part of the British Young Men's Christian Association, and the United States in furnishing scabs to the Boston and Maine railroad is revealed by statements of the Shopmen's Union in Lawrence, Mass. The British Young Men's Christian Association recommends to emigrants that they use the American Y. M. C. A. as an employment agency, and the applications are placed in jobs of men on strike on the Boston and Maine R. R., as well as on the New Haven railroad.

A large number of the emigrants being used as scabs, as well as native workers, are young workers who are members of the Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. is strongly organized in railroad centers, have a special railroad section, and by offering the railroad facilities at low rates, has been able to get their patronage.

The Boston and Maine R. R. has a number of British stockholders who do not want their profits lowered and are resorting to the importation of the unemployed from England to fill the places of striking shopmen.

One dollar will get you the YOUNG WORKER for a year.

Minneapolis.
Reisorbill, Jr., says, "When I get up in the morning, I throw my socks against the wall—if they don't stick, then I know they're good for another week."—R. V. Warner, Minneapolis.

On the Job

Slave Conditions in Western Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:—
In the department in the Western Electric Co., where I work at inspection, there are about 40 females working, out of them there are about 25 under 16 years of age. Their wages are from 27 to 33 cents an hour, and under 18 years, from 20 to 27 cents. The men working in my department are almost all of them between the ages of 18 and 30. Their wages are from 42 to 64 cents an hour.

For every 8 men they have a checker to see that they keep on the job till the whistle blows. This reminds me of a fellow worker next to me. He was working on the outside in some store, three evenings a week to make both ends meet, not being able to get along on 42 cents an hour. For his work at the store he got his room, board and washing for \$20 a month. Well, my department usually works overtime four times a week. Now, this fellow worker couldn't work for if he did he would be losing instead of gaining. So he always went home at 5 o'clock.

One day the foreman called him over and asked what excuse he had for going away nights. So Palney told him why and the foreman asked him again, "Didn't the company hire you alone, and to work overtime any time you were asked to?" He answered, no, and walked away from the desk. The foreman became angry and yelled, "Hey, God damn you, I ain't thru with you yet," and he told him that the company had hired him to take instructions and not to give any.

He told him that the only excuse for going away at nights was to go to a school, so Palney couldn't stand this any more and shouted, "Hidin' I give you a good enough excuse, I can't make a living with 42 cents an hour!" The foreman told him to go back to his bench where Palney told him that rather than slave for 42 cents an hour he would go back to Uncle Sam's Navy. I tried to point out to him that this was not good for the working class and spoke to him about the union. In the evening when he was asked to work overtime, he asked for his check and quit the job.

One more thing I would like to add. The checker has told me that whenever I want to go to the toilet I must let him know, so that he may know just where I am at every second in the day. That's the same system like Henry Ford's, without his wages. There are also many children working here, who should be put in the play-

grounds, taking the place of older men at lower wages.
These are the conditions in the Western Electric Co. as I see them. L. E.

Don't throw this copy away. Pass it on to others!

Sweating System in Allentown Shoe Mill

Dear Comrades:—
Seeing an ad in the Allentown Morning Call, the local prostitute paper, I applied to the Greenberg Shoe Corporation for a job. They advertised for young workers in particular and when the boss had finished signing me up from head to foot, he told me to come to work the next morning.

My job was to clean rawhide with gasoline and petroleum so the shoes could be made out of them, working among machines so closely lined up on the floor that if you don't walk carefully among them you are liable to be on the shoe mill's injured list. The following day I had an opportunity to size up the workers in the firm. There are about 250 adults and young workers, the latter making up about 70 per cent, including young girls and women between the ages of 14 and 27. They work on the speed drive system with 50 hours a week, paying on an average of \$12 to \$17 a week. The interior of the mill is in such terrible condition from the smell of gasoline, petroleum and rawhide, that any worker is bound to drop to the floor from the exposure to diseases, although the "boss" drives them with the speed up system.

It is said to be well in some Young Workers League comrades would be here to start some agitation among the workers.

Fraternally yours,
ZOLTAN LEVY.
(If Comrade Levy will group around himself a couple of young workers and form a nucleus of the Young Workers League of America, they could begin an agitation against the awful conditions in the factory which would soon result in a change for the better. In union their is strength and persistent propaganda will bring union and strength.—Ed.)

This copy should be read by ten young workers.

Excuse the interruption, but have you subscribed yet?

The Sale of an Appetite

By PAUL LAFARGUE.

PREFACE.

Some years ago an attendant in the insane asylum at Charenton gave me a manuscript which had been entrusted to him by one of the inmates, who had died in a strait-jacket. Its author, Emile Destouches, the attendant asserted, had never been insane; he had without doubt been committed by the orders of some high official; for, during his captivity, they kept him alone, watched by a special guard, who came from outside.

The three hundred sheets, which the attendant gave me and which I still have, are penciled with a feverish hand, evidently written in haste, in a dimly lighted cell. They contain the story which follows. It seemed to me so strange that till now I have hesitated to publish it. But recent studies of specialists on hypnotism and cerebral phenomena have revealed such curious phenomena that all current ideas on consciousness, free will, and even human individuality, are thrown into confusion. I think, then, that I shall do a service to physiological science by printing the story of Emile Destouches. I need only mention a few cases reported by Charney, Balzac and recently Besant and Rice. Physicians and ordinary facts, stated

by trustworthy men, study them, and discover their relations to the miracles of religion, which they rob of their supernatural character.

I have been obliged to decipher, disentangle and harmonize the manuscript, but so far as possible I have respected the form given it by the prisoner—the reader will judge whether I should say the madman—of Charenton. I have put his narrative into the third person, and have suppressed certain pathological descriptions which might prove too realistic for the taste of readers outside the medical profession.

P. L.

PART I.

It was in the month of December. It was cold, and Emile Destouches was terribly hungry. The snow whitened the pavements, an icy wind pierced the thickest cloaks and forced the scattered pedestrians to hasten their steps. His face blue, his teeth chattering, and his limbs shivering, Emile stood where he had planted himself before the show-window of a restaurant, brilliantly lighted. A five-foot sturgeon reclined in majesty upon a bed of greens; in majesty plump pullets, their legs in the air, were innocently exposing their hinder parts; larks, plovers and ortolans were encased in slices of bacon; shin-

ing apples and magnificent pears, enveloped in lace paper, were reclining luxuriously by the padding of the hampers. A gigantic pie, flanked with silvery sausages and spotted mortadellas, absorbed his entire attention; the pie was tipped open so as to expose its rosy flesh, veined with fat livers and marbled with truffles. Emile opened wide his glutinous eyes, and clinched his thirty-two long and sharp teeth.

For three days the unhappy man had eaten nothing, extreme hunger twisted and lacinated his intestines, contracted the muscles of his jaws and filled his mouth with saliva. There he was, motionless, not feeling the cold, petrified at the sight of that divine substance which might appease his hunger, and his sufferings and fill his whole being with earthly delights. A fragile window-pane separated him from the object of his desire. One blow of his fist would have broken the window and put the coveted pie within his grasp; indeed he need only have turned the knob of the door, pushed it stretched out his arm, to have seized and carried to his mouth the joy of his stomach. Still he stood there, glued to the spot, feasting his eyes and aggravating the hunger of his belly. The coward! The man in a state of nature, the savage, would have eaten, and simply said, I am hungry! But the fear of the policeman, and the dread of the moral indignation of our civilized mobs against every flagrant misdemeanor broke his arms and legs, paralyzing and stifling the imperious cries of

nature. And yet what had the wretched fellow to fear? He was dying of hunger, and to end his torture he was thinking of suicide.

"What use to live?—I might find something to eat this evening; but what should I have to fight with hunger tomorrow, the next day, all the days? Why struggle to live when every reason for living is lost, when life is nothing but misery? Enough of it! Miserable starving, feast your eyes on your last banquet!"

In his feverish passion, he was talking aloud.

A gentleman of near fifty years, tall and extremely fat, with black beard and hair, a bloated face and enormous abdomen confined with difficulty in a vast overcoat, buttoned with much trouble, observed him attentively. He placed his hand on Emile's shoulder.

"You wish to kill yourself?"

"Yes," he answered mechanically.

"You wish to kill yourself because you are hungry?"

"Yes."

"You are young, well built, you are the man I am looking for; follow me."

Emile believed in a providential savior; he obeyed with alacrity. The unknown entered Ve-four's, went up the steps to the parlor floor, settled himself in a private compartment and with a friendly gesture invited the young man to seat himself. A little bread was on the table, the starving man bit into it ravenously.

"A little patience, my friend, be careful of your appetite, that most

precious of blessings; wait for the chicken soup."

In a twinkling Emile emptied the plate of soup; the oyster arrived.

"You are murdering yourself, why, it is a shame to eat bread with your oysters; taste them by themselves!" The fat man took nothing; lost in admiration, he watched, supervised and counseled his guest.

"Be moderate. Do not come back to that quail entrée—save yourself for the roast fowl—remember that the lobster salad is still to come."

Just as a skillful jockey restrains the ardor of his steed, so tempered the voracity of the young man; he desisted by judicious halts and scientific delays to prolong his happiness and make him taste its moments more slowly. Emile made several attempts to thank his singular benefactor.

"Do not distract your appetite by talking; you will not often have it in such good condition; I would give a thousand francs, ten thousand francs, for an appetite as capacious as yours. Eating is the supreme duty. All religions make of it a sacred rite, the most solemn ceremony of Catholicism is the communion, the matification of God, the theophagic Eucharist. Eating should always be in a religious silence, that the thought may be entirely concentrated on the act that is being performed. The monks, those sublime masters of the gastronomic art, imposed silence in the refectory."

"Ouf! I can eat no more—I owe you many thanks."

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The Workers Party Convention

One of the most important conventions of a working class revolutionary organization is the third national convention of the Workers Party which is to be opened December 29, 1923. The Workers Party is affiliated fraternally to the Communist International and is recognized as the Communist party of the United States. Its work is Communist and it has shown, in the short two years of its existence that it is the only organization that holds out any hope for the working class to emancipate itself from the miseries of the capitalist system. It has shown its willingness to lead the American working class in all the great campaigns which the latter has entered in the last two years.

As a Communist party it has taken the initiative in issuing the slogans which have been adopted by the progressive rank and file of the labor movement of the United States. In the fight for the amalgamation of the craft unions into industrial unions, for the organization of the unorganized workers, it has always been in the forefront of the struggle. It has sent its speakers and organizers, its leaflets and pamphlets all over the country and has gained the confidence of the progressive workers of this country. It supported with all its power the great coal and railroad strikes of last year, and all the smaller strikes in which the workers have been engaged. The Workers Party of America is today a recognized factor in American political and industrial life, respected and followed by the rank and file wherever they have come into contact with it, hated and raged against by the bosses, bureaucratic labor leaders, yellow socialists and reactionaries everywhere.

The Workers Party is well on the road to becoming a mass Communist party. All events go to indicate that within the next five years the party will not only be a force to consider, but one which will be a deciding factor in any situation in which the workers and bosses are in conflict: on the political or industrial field.

The coming convention will take measures which will advance the party many steps further on the road to becoming a mass party and the assumption of power. The policy of the party on the question of the labor party will be thoroughly discussed in the light of past experiences and of the present political and economic situation in this country. The crystallized result of the discussions of the best and most active party comrades will direct the policies of the party for the coming year.

The Young Workers League, while it is organizationally independent of the Workers Party, is subordinate to its political leadership. We are all intensely interested in the affairs of the Workers Party for our members are not only active in its work, but are in many instances, among the most active party comrades. Many of the party's best comrades received their training in the youth movement and we shall supply many more.

One of the points on the agenda in which we are particularly interested is that which calls for the reorganization of the party on the basis of the shop nuclei. We are justly proud of having been the initiators of this method of organization in this country, and many comrades who have been skeptical about the correctness of our policy on this point will now receive a deciding confirmation that we were right, in the adoption of that policy by the party.

The convention of the Workers Party will mark another milestone in the progress and growth of the Communist movement in this country. From its previous position as a political sect, it has blossomed into an organization whose roots are in the masses of the workers, nourished and supported by them, and growing steadily until the time will come when its power and influence will be the force in the final struggle for power which will lead the workers out of the chaos of capitalism into the system of society where this is no struggle of classes, because there are no longer any classes: Communism.

It takes much money to make a rich man, but it takes little virtue.—Shaw.

American and German Students

Just how important a step was taken by the national executive committee of the Young Workers League when it sent Martin Abern to represent it and present the message of the American Communist youth to the radical and liberal students of this country at the Eastern Conference of the National Students' Forum, recently held in Baltimore, is emphasized by the widespread revolutionary activities among the German students and intellectuals now being carried on by the Young Communist League of Germany.

The League in Germany has been unusually busy lately in trying to reach the demoralized petty bourgeois student and youth organizations, such as the Free German Youth League and numerous others.

Suffering the most intense and disgraceful hardships under the tottering capitalist system in Germany, large sections of the student and professional elements are either directly lining up with the Communist organizations or are forming what the German Communists call the "New Front"—co-operation between the Communist youth and party organizations on the one hand, and student and intellectual bodies on the other.

As the direct result of a meeting of students and professional men, called not long ago by the Communist Party of Germany in Berlin, ten semi-bourgeois youth organizations declared themselves ready to join the Communist students as well as the Young Communist League in the fight for the only means of saving the German people—the proletarian revolution.

The number of outright petty bourgeois youth organizations lining up with the fighting youth of Germany, the young Communists grows daily. Over 50,000 young workers and students in Germany are already within the ranks of the German League, and this in spite of the extremely low wages received by the toiling youth of that country. An organization with over 100,000 members is now the slogan of the German League; and there is no doubt whatever that this number, if not already attained, is a matter of not more than a few months.

The action of the German students is food for thought for the aimless American liberal students bodies. There can be but little doubt that the sympathies of the radical and liberal student organizations of the United States will be with their more determined brothers in Germany, when, at the decisive moment, the majority of them will line up with the proletarian vanguard.

Let us perfect a united front now in the interest of the German revolutionary youth—proletarians and students.

I have and hold—you shall hunger and covet, until you are strong enough to force my hand—that's the speech of the wealthy.—George Meredith.

Get Them Out By Christmas!

Lothar Witzke, a convicted German spy, was released from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He is to go to New York from where he will be deported. In the meantime, dozens of war time prisoners are languishing away the best years of their lives for having stood by the working class during the war. President Coolidge, like his predecessors, is "considering" the cases, and as usual is doing nothing. German spies, men sent here by the government of the Kaiser during the war, are freed silently, without too much publicity. But workers of the United States, whose only crime consisted in the fact that they were for the working class first, last and always, are still in jail, serving out their brutally long sentences.

It is to the eternal shame of the American working class that they permit the bosses of this country to imprison their brothers without doing a thing to get them out. Conferences have been held, petitions have been presented, and that has been done, but the political prisoners still inhabit their steel-bound coffin of a cell. The time is long past due for action, and the workers should take action NOW!

Get the political prisoners out by Christmas! Unite all forces to remove the black stain on the escutcheon of the labor movement of this country!

The great only seem to us great because we are on our knees; let us arise!—French proverb.

Elephants and Jackasses

Miss Etta V. Leighton, of the National Security League, has become hysterical. When the newspapers of New York were inclined to take the matter of the arrest of Comrade Leo Granoff by the Bomb Squad as a joke, she actually wailed. "It's no joke; it's a tragedy. The pity of it is that Leo doesn't stand alone. All over the country bright young children, boys and girls, are prey of the reds, who lose no chance to preach the doctrines that destroy personal morals and civic probity (1)!" The editor of one of the best known teachers' magazines asked the writer to help teachers contact these influences. How long are these funds to be allowed to exploit the souls of the children? How long are they to be left free to warp the lives of our little children and teach them hate of the land that offers them freedom and opportunity?

What freedom and opportunity? Does Miss Leighton refer to the millions of workers' children who are offered the freedom of the fields, factories, shops and mines to supply the bosses with more profit and help to break down the conditions of work for which the workers have fought for scores of years? Does Miss Leighton refer, perhaps, to the opportunity that the child of the worker has to grow up and be drawn into an imperialist slaughter for which the National Security League is so strenuously preparing them by agitating for military training? If not these and the many other examples of "freedom and opportunity," then what in the devil does the honorable lady refer to?

Edmund Heller, explorer and field scientist for the Field Museum of Natural History of Chicago, has started for Dark Africa to hunt for the world's hugest elephant. Far be it from us, with our poor knowledge of this matter, to instruct the scientists as to what are the best hunting grounds for elephants. But if they ask us about where they might go in order to hunt for the hugest jackasses, we would obligingly suggest the New York office of the National Security League. There are plenty to be found there, and we assure the explorers that their efforts will be excellently rewarded.

In the meantime we shall patiently await an answer to the challenge issued by the Young Workers League of America to the National Security League, which provides for a committee of seven, three each from the two bodies involved, from an impartial body such as the Chicago Federation of Labor, whose business it shall be to investigate the aims and activities of both leagues. Miss Leighton assured the press that she was a close reader of The Young Worker and The Young Comrade. Should this happen to catch her keen eye, may be hope for a reply?

Support the Daily Worker!

The first issue of The Daily Worker will soon be printed in Chicago. Thousands of class conscious workers are waiting impatiently for its appearance. The Young Workers League has set as its share of the money to be collected for The Daily at \$5,000. Money is coming in and we are sure that we can raise our quota. Young workers in and over the country should support with all their energy the drive for The Daily Worker by purchasing shares, filling out contribution lists and getting subscriptions. The Daily paper must be put across.

The young workers of this country have a special interest in this paper. The dailies of the capitalists are filled with anti-working class propaganda and they try to get the minds of the young workers, as well as the older ones, away from the thoughts of their daily fight against the bosses. To do this the columns of the capitalist tags are filled with juicy divorce scandal stories, murders, robberies, cheap serial stories and cheaper comic strips. The important issues facing the workers of this country, and especially the young workers, are never mentioned except to give a wrong idea of them. Important things like child labor, the vicious exploitation of the young workers, the preparation of the young workers for capitalist wars by military training camps, Boy Scout units, etc., are passed over in silence. The workers as a whole such issues as amalgamation, a labor party, recognition of Soviet Russia, and Communism are distorted and falsified in the press of the bosses.

The young workers should do all they can to help make The Daily Worker, the official organ of the Workers Party of America, a success. It takes thousands and thousands of dollars to run a newspaper nowadays. The Daily Worker Campaign Fund needs money and money and then some. Do your bit towards establishing and maintaining the first revolutionary working class daily in the English language by collecting money and subscriptions for The Daily Worker.

All moneys may be sent thru the national office of the Young Workers League, from where it will be turned over to The Daily Worker Campaign Fund.

Red Cross or Workers Relief

LOS ANGELES.—The Red Cross and its annual drive for funds has been repudiated here by the Central Labor Council. The "mercy" organization requested that a representative of organized labor be appointed to act on the committee arranging for the annual fund drive. Action to place the request on file followed scathing speeches by several delegates. Attention was called to the fact that the Red Cross is controlled by enemies of organized labor and that it had refused to aid the starving families of West Virginia striking coal miners.

The American Red Cross is now in the midst of its campaign to raise its million dollars. The Red Cross is a charitable organization, organized and controlled by the capitalists of this country, whose purpose is to give a miserable dollop of money and supplies to the poor and injured workers so as to quiet their unrest and protest against the system which is the cause for their woes and troubles. It is the cause for the workers with a few pieces of silver and take them away from the militant working class movement where they can voice their protest and take measures against their masters.

Boycott this drive of the Red Cross! The Red Cross is a reactionary organization, which is run for and by reactionaries and imperialists. Remember that it was Captain Gregory who, with the direct help of the Red Cross, was instrumental in bringing about the downfall of the Soviet Republic of Hungary! This has never been denied. Workers of this country should know that among the magazines that are printed by open shop concerns, the Red Cross Magazine is in the front rank along with the Boy Scout Magazine. And do not forget that the Red Cross has never given a satisfactory answer to Henry Ford's charges of wild expenditures, questionable accounting of funds and more questionable administration of the collected moneys.

The money for which the Red Cross appeals should be sent to the aid of the German workers who are about to assume power and declare a working class republic, the German Soviet government. The International Workers' Relief is beginning a world-wide campaign for the relief of the starving German workers. On that international committee are such world known supporters of the working class as Anatole France, Henri Barbusse, Edgar Whitehead, Helen Crawford, Upton Sinclair, Max Easton, Forel, Lu-acharski, Gorki and numerous others. Young workers in particular should send in their mite for the support of the youth of Germany. They are on the point of starvation there. The schools are not being attended because the students cannot afford to go to them. The bread lines are increasing every day. The children are becoming rickety because of a lack of the foods which are so necessary to their health. Milk costs millions of marks.

Support these German workers and follow the example of the Los Angeles workers by boycotting the labor-hating reactionaries of the Red Cross. Send in your donations immediately to the Young Workers League of America, German Relief Fund, 1009 No. State St., Chicago, Ill. The money will be received for and transmitted to the Friends of Soviet Russia (and Workers' Relief Committee) which is affiliated to the International Workers' Relief Committee.

No scabby Red Cross charity for the workers! All together for the support of the German rebels!

Of Course You'll Be There

Conquering for a moment our natural bashfulness, we offer for your approval what will undoubtedly be the biggest social event in Chicago in revolutionary circles—the Labor Herald Masquerade Ball, to be given on New Year's Eve, in the Ashland Auditorium. All the radicals in Chicago and suburbs (Englewood included) will be there in costume. You will find among the brilliant and intelligent assemblage, such persons as Earl Browder, the handsomely-moustached Kentuckian; Manuel Q. Gomez, who will relate his attempt to capture the Red Motor Works of Lansing; Michigan; while John Edwards speaks on his experiences as an intellectual. Come one and all, and as ye listen to these, let Benson's Hawaiian Serenaders usher you into the New Year to the melodic strains of their enchanting instruments.

We'll all be there and, of course, you'll be there, too!



The poor Indians in the South-West are not even allowed to hold citizenship—and now they are losing their land as well! Undoubtedly a punishment for being the country's first Reds.

But, Steve, they were different Reds... they were wild. The modern Reds... make em wild!

Party Party Proin, A. P. P. Is Hally Pate, He always come To meetings late.

"Magnus Johnson's Wife to Keep Cow in Capital."—Headline. Magnus, as usual, will take care of the bull.

Red Says: Belgium has sold 360 tons of German marks to a junk dealer as scrap... And that's the only scrap the German yellow socialists will put up.

In the past year the Philippines have exported 6,000,000 feet of lumber to the United States. They must have a lot on hand as they are still anxious to get rid of Wood.

Put down the name: Arabella Hughes; She never pays Y. W. L. dues.

Little Red, Jr., Says: My pop's a hard nut. He says there are two classes in America: the damned Capitalist class—and the working class they damn.

Testifying before a Senate investigation committee, Harry Sinclair, the oil magnate, said: "I don't remember how much I contributed to either the Republican or Democratic campaign funds, but I say to both." Scientific proof that pain appears is also a by-product of oil. —Amalgam Magazine.

As far as the workers are concerned, Coolidge can continue his silence. The police strike he broke in Boston speaks volumes.

A pity Mork! As this boy Francis— He knows no Marx, But how he dances!

"That comrade is certainly a widely educated man." "But he also attends all meetings. Where does he get time to read?" "Oh, he comes to meetings at the hour they are advertised—and then reads until they begin."

A. P. P. In Alonzo Pickel, He never pays For a single ticket.

A local paper says there is no room for Reds in this country because everyone has a stake in it. Until everyone has a stake in it—there will always be room for Reds.

Norah: "What do you think of the Radical Movement?" Duthorah: "I think the police ought to stop those new dances."

Anesthetics of various kinds were used by the Greeks and by the Chinese in the third century, A. D.—News Item.

So you see, comrades, they were known long before Coolidge developed his speeches to Congress.

Proletarians are not all good writers, but boy!—When they dictate, you can be sure it will be Red. —Walt Carmon.

Liberal Students Print Communist Statement

NEW YORK.—The latest issue of The New Student, official organ of the National Students' Forum, an organization to which is affiliated a large number of liberal and progressive university students' groups, contains a lengthy article by Martin Abern, secretary of the Young Workers League of America, on "The Young Workers and the Students." It shows clearly the relation of the students to the revolutionary young workers' movement in this country and invites the students to enter into the ranks of the League and fight side by side with them for the change of the capitalist system into a Communist society. The editor of The New Student, in spite of the typically "liberal" foreword, in which the "lack of perspective" of the workers is deplored, invites comments and opinions on the article of Comrade Abern. It is hoped that students all over the country will read and send in their comments on the article.

Class hatred! I say God help the rich if ever the day should come when the workers hate them one-hundredth part as much as they hate the working men on whom they live.—Jerome K. Jerome.

From Columbus to Coolidge

David Wark Griffith, the producer of the bigoted Birth of a Nation and other so-called "enormously lavish million dollar productions," has announced the forthcoming production of his great picture, America, which will depict the growth and progress of the United States from the day Christopher Columbus sighted land to the death of Harding and the assumption of the presidency by Silent Calvin Coolidge.

Says friend Griffith: "There seems to be a tendency among many people for a change and we want to warn them against this and stamp out radicalism. We hope to impress upon people that they are better off today than they have ever been before. The ordinary workman today has today far more luxuries than kings enjoyed when the country was first started."

So! We are sure that the picture will be a deserving masterpiece. Any picture that will show the workers how wonderfully well off they are in the face of all the terrible FACTS deserves the title of masterpiece. What with the open shop drive against the organizations and conditions of the workers; the government sending troops against striking workers in all parts of the country; the preparation of the youth in military training camps and elsewhere to go and be shot down so that the profits of our capitalists may be assured; two million and more children slaving away under the most horrible conditions; what with all these things, it would indeed be a marvelous performance to be shown those luxuries which even a king used not to possess.

Mr. Griffith openly boasts of the help which Coolidge and other prominent government officials are giving him in the production of the photoplay. The rulers of this country are extremely anxious to see such a plan go thru. The movies have always been used to dope the minds of the workers of this and other countries and with the passing of time it becomes more and more openly an instrument in the hands of the bosses of actual conditioning of every.

To the young workers especially, with their regular attendance of the movies, this story of Mr. Griffith should be kept in mind. To counteract the boss propaganda of the movies, we must spread ever more widely the propaganda of the working class, and see to it that The Young Worker is read by a larger circle of the working youth than ever before.

The good things of life do not drop out of the clouds as a result of a wish or a prayer, but come to us as the inevitable result of determined and intelligent effort.