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Building Trades Bosses Plan Use of Apprentices as a Tool to Kill Organized Labor Control in Trade

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

CHICAGO The increasing attention being paid to the instruction and control of apprentices by the employers in the building trades is held here to denote a new phase of the attempts of the big building contractors to weaken the strength of the building trades unions by having a supply of trained workers who will be turned out by apprenticeship schools maintained and controlled by the bosses.

F. L. Bowman, educational director of the National Trade Extension Bureau, Plumbing and Heating Industries, declares that "the present condition, if carried far enough, will bring wages of plumbers to such a high point that the public will cease to buy standard plumbing, and will either dispense with it or will buy the cheap goods furnished by the mail order houses and will have them installed by a common pipefitter without the advantages of sanitary skill."

Neither Mr. Bowman nor the employers he represents care one snap about the "public" but are only interested in keeping down the wages of the workers so that the profits may be increased. That they are going about this in organized, mass fashion can be seen from the plan drawn up for the educational director of the bosses. The director is charged with the instruction and training of the apprentices all over the country. The plan contemplates three months pre-employment training in the public vocational schools before the apprentices are put to work. During the second and third years, the apprentice is obliged to attend public evening school not less than 100 hours a year. It is understood that a very capable craftsman can be turned out in that course of time, one who will be able to be placed in competition with the organized trades unionists in that industry.

The Association Tile Manufacturers also have a national apprentice system in effect and it is estimated that hundreds have been taken into the trade in the last year. The brick manufacturers and mason contractors are now sponsoring a nationwide bricklaying training plan under the leadership of a national director.

Reports from scores of cities indicate that there is a widespread effort to provide training for young workers who are to enter the building crafts.

In New York, Miss Mary K. Coleman, executive secretary of the New York building congress apprenticeship commission, reports that the board of education is co-operating with them to the utmost and has set aside \$20,000 for the current fiscal year to be used for teachers' salaries. "Working boys, who are forced out of school, are enabled to round out their education and at the same time are paid by the employer during the first year of their apprenticeship one-half the hourly rate for the number of hours spent in the school. The program is a sound, practical one and there is no doubt that it will be successful."

Reports of the industrial relations committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and experiences in Chicago and San Francisco with apprentices shows the number of apprentices far exceeds the capacity to train them. It is significant that both in Chicago and San Francisco the building trades unions are being split and broken by the contractors. In Chicago by the Landis' award and in the coast city by the activities of the open shoppers of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

The situation in the building trades is typical of all the other industries in which young workers are being employed more and more. The organized workers must take into consideration the growth of the youth factor in their industrial life and

Delegates From Coast to Coast Arrive for Communist Conclave

CHICAGO.—As we go to press, the third national convention of the Workers Party of America is being opened at Imperial Hall. Delegates from all parts of the country are coming to attend one of the most important Communist conferences that have yet been held in this country. The most active comrades in the Communist movement in America are here and they will decide the policy of the Workers Party for the coming year on such questions as the reorganization of the party on an industrial or shop nucleus basis, the front and with the labor party movement, the aim of the future central executive committee, relations of the party to the Young Workers League, and numerous other vital questions. The Young Workers League, being under the political leadership of the Workers Party, and tied to it by many close bonds, will have delegates to the party convention as usual. The delegates of the Young Workers League to the convention of the Workers Party are Martin Abern, secretary of the league, John Edwards and John Williamson.

A complete and detailed report of the work and decisions of the convention will be printed in the next issue of The Young Worker.

White Dictator of Germany, Suppresses League and Party in an Attempt to Halt Coming Revolt

(Special to "The Young Worker.")

BERLIN.—The white General Seekt, tool of the high treason firm of Stinnes, Kloeckner, Wolf & Co., has carried thru the orders of his employers and ordered the disbandment of both the Communist Party and the Young Communist League of Germany.

The situation in Germany has reached such a tense stage that the reactionaries will stop at nothing to remove the only danger to their existence, the organized Communists. The Communist Party has been growing by leaps and bounds and carried with it the sympathy of the majority of the workers of Germany. The Young Communist League has also become a powerful force among the youth of the demoralized and starving nation, its influence and membership among the young workers, intellectuals and students, having increased almost fourfold. The attempted suppression is an admission of the fears felt by the German Stinnes' of the impending revolution, which will unseat them from power.

In a manifesto, signed by the executive committee of the Young Communist International (to which the Young Workers League of America is fraternally affiliated) and the Young Communist Leagues of Russia, France and England, the young workers, farmers and soldiers of the whole world and the working class youth of Germany are called upon to support with all their power the prohibited Young Communist League of Germany in their struggle against Fascism and for the taking over of the industries and government of Germany, and to protest against the suppression of the league by the white terrorist general, von Seekt.

Children Starving in Gary Because of Low Workers' Wages

WASHINGTON.—Astounding percentages of under-nourishment and physical defects were found in a group of 6,015 young children of Gary, Indiana, according to an official report just released by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

The results of the study, called "Children of Preschool Age in Gary," show that only 25 per cent of the children examined, less than half of one per cent, were not fortunate enough to have the so-called A diet, which calls for the most elementary foods necessary for children, such as milk, whole cereal and fruit or vegetable daily, an inexpensive diet.

Only eight and one half per cent of the children had even a B diet, which is even less than the minimum foods in A. Three times as many had a C diet, while nearly two thirds of the entire group are forced to live on a D diet, which is inconceivably insufficient. This is not all, for over 2 per cent of the children live on the absolutely starving diet E, 5 times more than those having the A diet.

"Milk is not the only desirable food which was little used," the report states, "since vegetables, fruits, cereals and eggs were likewise conspicuously lacking. The extreme poverty of the diets is further shown by the fact that nearly half (46.5 per cent) of them lacked as many as four of the foods usually included in a child's diet."

Of the children examined physically, only 4.8 per cent showed no defects at all. Most of the others had decayed teeth or bone defects due to an insufficient diet.

The children under examination are all children of workers, of course, and it is significant to note that child mortality in Gary is in the direct proportion to the wages received by the workers. Gary has the highest child death rate in the country and among the lowest paid workers. The lower the wages paid to any particular section of workers, the higher the percentage of children that die, the overwhelming majority of them because of lack of medical care and under-nourishment.

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Workers Party Calls Hughes' on Soviet Note

CHICAGO.—In a statement issued today, the central executive committee of the Workers Party of America charges that the Coolidge administration deliberately faked the letter issued by the Secretary of State Hughes in his campaign against the recognition of Soviet Russia, which was supposed to be the instructions sent from Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party, calling upon it to begin shooting practice and to prepare for the taking over of the government at Washington.

The faked letter issued by Hughes contains so many obvious lies that many of the capitalist kept newspapers did not take it seriously. Chicherin, foreign minister of the Soviet Republic, denied the story contained in the faked letter and demanded an international board of arbitration to go over the authenticity of the letter. This offer was refused by Hughes, who knows that any impartial commission would immediately see the frame up.

The statement of the Workers Party just charges that the whole affair is an attempt to halt the campaign for recognition of Soviet Russia, which is being carried into the senate and the congress by such legislators as Frear, Borah, Norris, Laidl, LaFollette and numerous others.

The Communist statement says: "We publicly accuse the department of state and the department of justice with having forged this letter to mislead the people of the United States. We demand an immediate and thorough investigation of the origin of this letter, and of those responsible for its circulation."

Hughes has not answered the charges yet and there is little chance that he will. Knowing very well that his attempt to discredit the Soviet government and the Communists in this country will not be received with the same belief that it might have had three years ago, he remains discreetly silent, thus confessing himself and the administration he represents as cowardly, craven forgers.

British Young Communists Secure German Red's Release

LONDON.—The immediate payment of a 170,000,000 German mark fine for Paul Steinbach, German young communist, by the Young Communist League of Great Britain, secured his release from the British military prison at Cologne, to which he had been sent for anti-militarist propaganda among the British soldiers.

This splendid example of international solidarity received the deepest appreciation of Comrade Steinbach in a letter addressed to his English comrades. He describes the triumphal return from Cologne and of how he was met and cheered at every station on the way to the news of his release having spread by means of a wire, which he sent to the branches in the Solingen district.

Is the Government Arming for War?

By HARRY GANNES.

Plans to increase the military strength of the United States are becoming more evident every day. Among the bigger things we find that the general staff of the United States War Department has prepared tentative plans for the mobilization of about 400,000 officers and men at their home stations during these months. This is the first step in the National Defense Act. On the other hand, Secretary of Navy Denby is demanding more aircraft in order that the navy should be "in a position to assert itself in the air." Then there is the proposed merger by President Coolidge of the army and navy in order to make the combined military units a more efficient fighting machine.

On the other hand, there is the increase in the activities of the National Security League, America's foremost pro-militarist organization, and the national campaign for military training that is evidenced in part by the "Chicago Daily News," which is co-operating with high school military organizations to better the military training of the youth.

In a leaflet being circulated by the National Security League it declares: "We are acting with the leaders in the public schools to improve patriotic education of the youth of the land and among adults, both native and foreign-born."

The organization is working in close co-operation with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and other organizations that have a large youth membership.

Gen. William Lassiter, of the United States Army, is working in co-operation with the National Security League in its campaign to increase the military training of the youth in the United States.

Pointing out the dangerous effect of the extreme exploitation of the youth is having on the available fit military forces in case of war, Gen. Lassiter says:

"About half the children drop out of school before the end of the seventh grade. . . . Thus, half of our population is an easy prey to much of the subversive propaganda that

| AIR FORCES OF LEADING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Planes | Men |
| France | 1,250 | 33,000 |
| United States | 800 | 13,000 |
| Great Britain | 600 | 30,000 |

(All these countries have hundreds of planes under construction, especially France, which, within a short time, will have 2,100 planes.)

| Air Force Expenditures in Millions | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| | |
| Great Britain | \$54 |
| France | 33 |
| United States | 30 |

(The figures are taken from the 1923 budgets for supplies. The French budget is secret, or unreliable.)

is being pushed so vigorously by numerous radical organizations bent upon economic, social and political upheaval."

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Young Workers Leagues Celebrates International Liebknecht Day All Over Country on January 20th

The Young Workers League of America, the organization of the young Communists in this country, is to celebrate International Liebknecht Day by demonstrations all over the country on January 20, 1924.

The demonstrations are to be held in commemoration of the brutal murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg by the reactionaries and the social democrats of Germany on January 15, 1915. Similar demonstrations will be held in all parts of the world under the central direction of Young Communist International and its national sections, the Young Communist League of each country.

The demonstrations are under the leadership of the young communist organizations, because of Liebknecht's untiring efforts in their behalf, both within and without socialist ranks. Liebknecht did all in his power to help in the formation of the Young Socialist League of Germany, and it was largely thru his propaganda that the Young Socialist International was founded in 1907.

One of his most important works was and still is "Militarism and Anti-Militarism," written from a series of lectures on the subject given before one of the youth leagues. The book caused a great stir in Germany and was ordered suppressed and the plates destroyed. He was tried and sent to prison but this did not halt him from his work. He was elected first to the Prussian state legislature and then to the national Reichstag, where he continued to do his daily propaganda work in the very face of the representatives of capitalism.

He was an uncompromising fighter, even when necessary, against the members of his own party. When war was declared, he broke with the majority of social democrats, who voted to support the voting of war credits, and stood alone in the Reichstag against supporting the imperialist war of Wilhelm II.

On May 1, 1914, Liebknecht made a May Day speech in Berlin, in which he called upon the workers to rise against the war and those who had caused it. His speech was considered so dangerous that he was arrested on a charge of high treason, for which he was sentenced to 20 months of hard labor imprisonment, a sentence which was changed by the military court to four years and one month and the loss of civil rights for six months.

When the Kaiser's power was overthrown, Liebknecht was released from jail and received with great ovation by the workers wherever he came. Liebknecht immediately began to criticize the social democrats, who, he saw, were compromising more and more with the capitalists and betraying the workers who had put their trust in them. He, together with the leaders of the communists organized in the Spartacus Bund—Rosa Luxemburg, Leo Jogiches, Franz Mehring and others, led a revolt against the traitorous socialist government at the beginning of the year 1919. The uprising was crushed by the troops of the despicable social democrat, Gustav Noske, together with his colleagues in betrayal, Philipp Scheidemann and Fritz Ebert, now president of the German government.

Liebknecht was arrested and shot from behind by the henchmen of the Socialists on January 15, 1919. Rosa Luxemburg was beaten to death by the same foul gang of brutes, and her body thrown into a canal. Jogiches was murdered in prison in March of the same year and Franz Mehring died of a broken heart. Klara Zetkin, famous woman communist leader of Germany and in the Communist International, is the only outstanding leader of the early German communist movement of after the war who still lives.

U. S. Marines Terrorize Fighters For Haiti Independent Movement

NEW YORK CITY.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has just been informed by Joseph Mirault, nationalist leader of Haiti, who has arrived here, of the outrages committed by American troops who have been forced upon the Haitian people to serve as the protectors of the financial and industrial interests of the big bankers and business men of America, who are trying to enslave the country.

The troops are there to protect directly the sugar interests of the firm of Brown Brothers, part of the Drexel concern of bankers in Philadelphia, which is part of the Pennsylvania railroad interests dominated by the Rockefeller financial group. The attempt to gain control of the customs of Haiti, the revolution which was initiated and carried thru with the help of American military forces in order to force a loan upon Haiti, was exposed last year and furnished conclusive proof of the real purpose behind the American occupation of the island.

Mr. Mirault tells that such prominent advocates of Haitian independence from the claws of American imperialism as the Jolibons brothers, Elie Gurin, Antoine Pierre-Paul, and George Petit have been put in jail by the United States army of occupation. All cable communications with the United States have been prevented and a strict censorship is maintained over all outgoing mail.

This year the demonstrations on International Liebknecht Day, January 20, are to be made in commemoration of the impending German revolution, which is expected to take place in a short while. The rule of the social democrats and the capitalists has brought only misery and poverty to the workers of the harassed country and they are flocking to the leadership of the now mighty Communist Party and the Young Communist League. In spite of the brutal attempts at outlawing and illegalizing the communist organizations, the masses of workers are rallying to the banner of the Communists. The revolution that will set the German working class on the road to freedom from capitalism and misery is only a matter of a short time.

The Young Workers League of America, in co-operation with the Workers Party, is leading the demonstrations in this country. Meetings have been arranged in all the leading cities of the country. New York and Chicago are to have monster mass meetings with prominent speakers. Other cities have arranged similar meetings, with excellent programs. Young and adult workers! Rally to demonstrate for the German workers in commemoration of the militant fight for the working class that was put up by Liebknecht and those who stood by him! Rally to the red standard which Liebknecht waved aloft in the most critical days of the workers, when they were being shot down by the imperialist robbers of the whole world during the slaughter of the late world war! Demonstrate for the principles and the fight for the working class!

Young workers! Stand by your class! Fight with the Young Workers League for your rights in the factory, shop, mine, mill and field! Forward to better conditions of life of the entire working class from the slave of the bosses! Fight against any attempt of the capitalists of this or any other country to involve us in another world slaughter by interference in the coming German workers' revolution! Celebrate International Liebknecht Day in masses!

Vet Demands Bonus Be Paid From Swollen War Profits

HOPKINS, Minn.—A demand that the bonus to ex-service men be paid by an increase on the surtax of big incomes was urged by Emil E. Holmes, former secretary of the United War Veterans, who spoke here today. "Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and his millionaire friends are rich enough to pay the bonus out of their big incomes," said Holmes, "but they would like to see it paid by a sales tax instead. A sales tax bonus means a bonus paid by the veterans themselves and their dependents. If Congress passes a sales tax bonus instead of a surtax bonus we don't want it. It is kidding the service men into paying the bonus themselves." It is well to note that the strongest fighters against giving the ex-soldiers a bonus are those that made millions of dollars of profit sitting at home during the war which killed thousands of young workers who had been dragged in to protect the profits and investments of the bosses of this country.

League Grows From Atlantic to Pacific

In the last couple of days new branches of the Young Workers League of America have been organized in places so wide apart as California and Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Detroit.

Branches have been organized in Oakland, Calif., branch and shop nucleus in Providence, I. I. Five new branches in Detroit and suburbs, and branches in Johnson City, Ill., West Frankfort, Ill., Christopher, Ill., all mining towns, a Jewish branch in Duluth, Minn., a branch in Madison, Wis., which is working in and out of the university, and a branch in Houston, Penna., which is growing by leaps and bounds and the members of which have great influence among the workers in the trades unions, many of them being officials.

The Young Workers League is growing by leaps and bounds all over the country. Are you in it yet? If not, get in NOW!

This copy should be read by ten young workers.

African Young Communists Oppose War.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—In a leaflet published in English and Dutch by the Young Communist League of South Africa, the young workers of that country are called upon to refuse to register their names for the defense force in 1924. The real purpose of the defense force as an instrument of suppression in the interest of British imperialism is shown and Jan Smuts is exposed as the tool of the British Empire. The young workers are urged to support a united front of workers and farmers and oppose capitalist wars and armies.

Join the Young Workers League today; rule tomorrow!

Stand by your class and fight till we win!

Bank Clerks Seek Relief of Retina Conditions by Organizing A.F. of L. Union

CHICAGO.—One hundred per cent organization of one hundred and fifty carrying on of amicable negotiations with two others is the result of the short period of organization of the Chicago Bank Employees' Association, a union affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, which has jurisdiction over all bank employees with the exception of those already subject to other unions, such as janitors, etc. Bank officers from assistant cashier upwards are barred.

"Bank clerks in Chicago work longer hours and get less pay than most manual workers," says a statement of the union. "Clerks and adding machine operators get from \$18 to \$20 a week. In the Federal Reserve Bank in the loop a receiving teller, who has been on the job three years, gets as little as \$110 a month, while \$160 a month is regarded as pretty good pay. The hours stretch until the work is done, which stretches to 10 hours a day, especially in the quarterly interest-paying periods.

"The banks keep their employees disciplined under a very small range of hours by giving a very small raise each year and by means of old age pensions. The First National, for instance, gives a pension after 35 years' service, or when the employee is 60, but few of the employees can afford to retire on the pension because of its smallness. The union is gathering data on wages and hours in Chicago in order to standardize conditions."

Members of the Young Workers League of America are very active in the organization of the Chicago Bank Employees' Association in accordance with the program of the former organization, which calls for active participation in trade unions and the fight for better working conditions of the young workers who are more bitterly oppressed and exploited than their older fellows.

WORKERS' SPORTS

By ALBERT HARRIS.
Sports Director, Young Workers League of Chicago.

The season of indoor sports is starting. All the bourgeois play institutions, such as the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Y. W. O. A., etc., are collecting young workers for another year of teaching them capitalist ideas and this is done mainly through the medium of sport.

Through this medium there are many young workers taught to believe that the capitalist system is the one and only and as there was so shall it always be. There are many who have a slight understanding of the situation but have no other inducement such as workers' clubs to go in for and for want of recreation attend those that exist.

We hear some say "How can we change matters? They have such buildings and money, while we have nothing."

Realizing this, Chicago has taken the initiative and has established a workers' club for sports. They have hired a hall for a gym from one of the Workers' Party branches, and meet regularly, once a week, and have started a campaign for all the members of the Y. W. I. to agitate in various clubs to which they may belong. Others are induced to become members of clubs that are likely to prove susceptible to our propaganda.

Also the club has been in existence only two weeks, the attendance is 40, of which only 16 are members of the Y. W. I.

All this is done with the purpose of winning over the working class youth to our point of view.

The action of Chicago should be followed throughout the country and if energy is applied there is no doubt that it will meet with success and may be the means for the creating of a national workers' sports organization.

The work for the members of the league should be to create these various clubs and to begin propaganda within those which already exist. Try these methods of organization and presently you will notice the increase in membership of your league. Commence by agitation and boycott of the bourgeois institutions of your locality and by the creating of working within workers' sports clubs.

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Low Workers' Wages in Gary Cause Child Starvation.

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This is in the city of Gary, which is named after Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, the steel trust, who recently made himself infamous by advocating the maintenance of the 12 hour day for steel workers. It was the steel trust which broke the backbone of the steel strike in 1919, when the workers went out for better conditions, wages and hours.

In striking contradiction to the horrible conditions of the workers and their children in this infernal city are the reports of the recent earnings of the U. S. Steel Corporation. After paying preferred dividends the steel trust had a surplus of \$57,475,341.

At the same time that these tremendous profits are being extracted out of the blood of the workers, their little children are dying for want of the elementary necessities of life, a little milk, an egg, some vegetables and fruit. The latest reports are that Mr. Elbert H. Gary still attends his church and prays very devoutly to his god to save the souls of the poor mortals who are driven to sin!

Young Workers League Favors United Front of Black-White Workers

By GORDON W. OWENS.
Of the African Blood Brotherhood and the Young Workers League.

One writer has stated that by contact we learn that if you prick us we bleed, and if you tickle us we laugh. Emerson states that by contact we learn that every human heart is human. Contact between the young negro and white worker is what the capitalist class endeavors to prevent at all costs, because they know that by contact they will understand each other and learn that all people are the same regardless of race or color.

The above statements account for the separate schools, separate compartments in street cars, railway coaches, halls and places of amusement in the southern states for negro and white workers.

By these methods the ruling class of the south cunningly convey the idea to the white workers that the negro workers are their inferiors and are not fit to associate with the white workers. The white workers are flattered and imagine that they are better than the negro workers and it is a fact that people who imagine themselves superior do not fraternize with those whom they consider their inferiors.

Also the separate schools and "Jim Crow" cars do not exist in the northern states, nevertheless the ruling class here often means to convey this same idea to the white workers, such as the Ku Klux Klan, editorialists in the capitalist papers stating how inferior negroes are to the whites and other subtle methods.

The majority of the white workers have inhaled this poison gas propaganda of their white ruling class, although it is obvious that the children of the capitalists do not attend the same schools or otherwise mix with the young white workers, nor do the capitalists themselves fraternize with white workers.

The whites are badly in need of the kind of education which the Young Workers League is trying to disseminate to them. The negro also needs some, though I am sure that the negro is more willing to extend his hand of comradeship to the white worker than the average white worker is willing to accept his.

Child Labor—And Child Labor. While the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor at Washington announces that the first six months of 1923 saw an increase of child labor (only from the year of 14 to 16, million) of 38 per cent, the workers of this country are going to the movies to see, among others, the marvelous "Baby Peggy," the phenomenal child star of the silver screen, who is getting, according to the stories of her press agent, the miserable wage of \$1,500,000 a year with a bonus of \$500,000. And yet the terrible reids in this country say that children are exploited by the capitalists. Ain't it awful, Mabel?

January Days, Berlin 1919

BY ONE WHO SHARED IN THE FIGHT.

The fifth of January. It is Sunday. This morning the Berlin youth held its general meeting; there were heated discussions. Every one was confident of victory in the struggle which lies immediately ahead.

The organ of the Spartacists, the "Rote Fahne," founded by Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, has called for a demonstration this afternoon. Ebert, Scheidemann and Noske plan new treason to add to their old. The Berlin police headquarters with its revolutionary Police President, Eichhorn, the last stronghold of the proletariat, is a thorn in their side; it must be abolished.

The military classes 1896 to 1899 are not yet demobilized and are discontented.

The general meeting of the youth has decided to take part as a whole in the demonstration. Quickly one sees them on the streets with their banner, "We are the Young Guard of the Proletariat," at the head of the demonstration.

Not all of them have immediately gone to the demonstration, for today the situation is serious and one must be prepared for all eventualities. Very shortly, however, these also are there to swell the ranks of the demonstration.

At the appointed time ever growing masses of workers converged towards the Victory monument, and soon all the main and side streets are filled with a gigantic mass of people. Everywhere speakers address the workers. Cheers and pledges of loyalty to the revolution are given everywhere with great enthusiasm.

Liebknecht speaks here and there to the younger people, everywhere rousing and enthusiastic.

The procession begins to march, revolutionary songs and shouts pour the life and passion in the demonstration. They pass the Marstall where the sailors' division is stationed and press on to the police headquarters. "Armed men to the front!" Men lead the ranks and push to the head of the demonstration. The women fall back and the youth forms the storm troops. Like a stream of lava the mass pours onward. They have already reached the town hall—and in a few minutes they will be at the police headquarters. Every one is excited. Every one is expecting. Something will happen. Noting moves. There is the sound the headquarters.

Soon the Alexander Platz is filled: more and more workers arrive. From the balconies speak Liebknecht, received with thundering enthusiasm, then Ledebour, Beumling, Eichhorn, the police president, and others.

Evening comes. The enthusiasm of the masses rises higher. More frequent comes the shout: "Give us arms!" Here and there one hears a shout: "To the newspaper buildings!" For the bourgeois press, including the social-democratic "Vorwaerts" carries on a ceaseless campaign of indictment and slander against the workers.

At the doors of the police building the masses gather demanding arms. Other masses march on into the city. "Evening. In the Lindenstrasse where the building of the "Vorwaerts" is situated, red and yellow flames dance—social-democratic leaflets are flinging their end here. The shop windows near the fire crack and burst with the heat.

More and more leaflets, leaflets directed against the workers, to feed the flames.

A few workers take possession of the "Vorwaerts" building, perhaps fifty men in all. Quickly the doors are guarded. The arms that were found distributed. Two machine guns are placed in position. Garbage bins and clinkers from the heating serve as improvised ramparts. Every one has decided to fight and to die, if necessary. Several times there is an alarm. Government troops are approaching. With rifles to hand the workers lie behind their primitive defenses.

Already night is here. The sky is clear and full of stars and the temperature is mild despite January. Nothing moves. Here and there a single shot. Warning shots of the worker guards patrolling the street below.

Monday morning. It becomes lively in the courtyard. The workers of the printing shop want to go to work, but they are prevented, no one is allowed to enter. They are all social-democrats, only one has any sympathy with the Spartacists, and he is glad and remains with us. One, two, three, and he has printed a big poster, "General Strike," and this is hung in the window in place of the peaceful "Vorwaerts." Grumbling the social-democratic workers leave the courtyard.

All newspaper buildings are occupied, one of the bourgeois instruments of power—the press—is forced to silence.

The government is helpless, it can find no means yet for a counter-action, but the proletariat is human.

In the Mosse building, where the "Berliner Tageblatt" is printed, the Berlin youth has established its camp. Great bales of paper are rolled into the street. The windows are barricaded with the heavy ledgers and account books of the firm. A Red Cross station is established. Munition and arms are provided. Every one is at his post. The struggle may begin.

On churches, machine gun posts have been established to take the streets.

Again evening. Not merely isolated shots today. Already a violent struggle has commenced everywhere. Tuesday. Great demonstrations, not only of the revolutionary proletariat but also of the social democrats. The latter protest and take the side of Scheidemann and Noske. They march thru the Lindenstrasse to the "Vorwaerts" building. Their indignation is unlimited. They beat the doors, but because of the machine guns they refrain from any attempt at storming the building.

Workers against workers! The government gathers its troops, armed social, democratic workers.

The Boetzow brewery is in possession of the revolutionary workers. Liebknecht often goes there. In the night he sleeps on a billiard table in the middle of the workers.

Before its Mosse Building fierce struggles have already taken place.



Karl Liebknecht

Two young comrades have lost their lives in the defense. The attempt of the government troops have failed, but ammunition has become scarce. The rumor is spread that a gas attack is intended. Safety measures are taken. Every worker—young and old, prepares himself for death. All are ready to die. The lack of ammunition becomes apparent. The fire hose is connected to the water hydrants and prepared for difficult situations and as a last means of defense.

The measures of isolation on the streets are intensified. No one is allowed to pass. In the house every one is at his post and waits for what may come. An alarm, an armored car—a rattle of shots, hand grenades, the armored car disappears—a sigh of relief.

The workers remain on the defensive and limit their struggles to the occupied buildings. The government prepares the counter-attack. Everywhere it concentrates troops. Thursday evening—fighting has broken out at the Anhalter Bahnhof (railway station) and at many other points in the city.

Friday many troops arrive in Berlin from outside. In the night of Friday—Saturday, government attacks with all the repressive means at its command. Bomb throwers and guns are in action in the Berlin streets. The "Vorwaerts" is the bulwark of the revolutionary workers, and the first objective in the government attack. A rain of shots. In the Mosse Building one knows nothing of it. Cracking the balconies fall and bury the machine gunners under them. From all sides the shooting comes.

The position is untenable. There is no hope of relief and send out seven of their number under it to negotiate. This peace offer is met by the social-democratic troops by beating and shooting the seven to death, smashing in their skulls. There is no quarter and they are beaten down under the white flag like wild beasts.

The anxious wait for the "Vorwaerts" defenders is quickly ended by a new attack. There are many wounded, many dead, little ammunition, the outside guards are shot. The storm troops of the social-democratic workers advance. In the early morning hours of Saturday they occupy the "Vorwaerts" building. All hands raised the revolutionaries beaten and spat upon by the soldiers march to the barracks. Here they are placed against a wall and threatened for hours with death. A sixteen year old young comrade is ordered to shoot "Long Live Scheidemann!" With pale face he turns to his tormentors and calls "Long Live Liebknecht!" A rifle shot and he falls dead to the ground.

In the Mosse building the workers have just heard of the fall of the "Vorwaerts." Immediately a meeting is held and a shock troop organized to rush to the assistance of the revolutionaries in the "Vorwaerts" building. Too late. Everyone thought, "Whose turn is next?"

The connections between the occupied buildings are broken. The Police Headquarters, one of the strongest positions, is also lost.

The struggle is continued independently. The defenses are perfected. The house was to be undermined and a speech made to the population that the workers had determined to perish with the building. Great enthusiasm.

But everybody feels that it is useless. Everywhere revolutionaries are shot, and in the evening the building is evacuated without struggle.

Everywhere treason, everywhere spies.

Great joy on the part of the bourgeois. Spartacus is dead, beaten, and will never rise again. Houses are searched, persecutions and denunciations are the order of the day. The blood of the murdered workers does not save the brutal soldiers and the bourgeoisie. Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg still live. "We must have them," was their slogan, and on the fifteenth of January striking terror in the hearts of the workers—Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg are murdered.

Thus end the January days. Heroism, devotion, treason, murder, lies. The defeat of the revolutionary proletariat, the consolidation and rise of the bourgeoisie. This was the flower of the social-democratic seed, which has developed so splendidly. But, Spartacus still lives!

Is the Government Arming for War?

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57,000 in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps in the secondary schools and colleges, plans are being made to reach a larger number of the 450,000 students now enrolled in such schools.

The entire plan of military training is to have an organized military reserve force in the United States of young people under 24 years of age of over 3,000,000, and back of this an army of 8,000,000 of men up to 45. The expense for this mass training would be \$170,000,000 a year. This intensive military training would stretch over a period of 5 years.

In order to make the plan appear to the capitalists, those who are foremost in advancing it declare that: "It would instill into our boys the qualities of obedience and discipline, while developing individual initiative and resource, which are just as necessary in civil as in military life; it would arouse and keep alive the true spirit of patriotism, by making all men realize the duties as well as the privileges of citizenship. . . ."

The great increase on the part of the capitalist class in the United States in the development of its military machinery indicates that the dangers of war are near. This military activity by the bosses likewise means that the Young Workers League of America, if it is to carry out its true Communist youth role, must, wherever the opportunity presents itself, combat the growing war preparations of the United States government.

Have You 50 cents?

We do not ask this question out of idle curiosity, nor to compile a statistical report. We ask because if you have fifty cents we know of nothing better than you could do with it than to send us.

Should you send it to us, please send us the name of a little child friend of yours and his or her address, and that child will be greatly pleased to get The Young Comrade, official organ of the Junior Section of the Young Workers League of America, for a whole year, twelve issues.

Although The Young Comrade has only gone thru three issues thus far, it has made clear the fact that there is a deep need for it. It is already well on its way to doubling its initial circulation which you will admit is pretty good when you consider that the paper has had very little advertising or pushing. It is the paper of the working class children of this country and it sells like hot dogs at a picnic. The children read it from cover to cover and they LIKE it. It is written for the children so that they can understand it and be brought up to working class beliefs and activities.

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The New Attack on Russia
 By MARCH.

Samuel Gompers, the evil spirit of the American labor movement, has made public a manifesto alleged to have been issued by the Russian Social Democratic Party (Mensheviks), which appeals to the international working class, students, intellectuals to protest against the horrible and Bolshevik and their nasty habit of flooding the Sunday school socialists with "waves of brutality" until they stand shivering before the world, tears in their innocent eyes.

The manifesto charges that hundreds of socialists have been jailed, exiled to Siberia, shot and what not merely because of "our peaceful work of political enlightenment, because of our endeavors to rally together the proletariat, laboring masses." Wicked, naughty bolsheviks! Sweet, hypocritical, lying mensheviks!

The original manifesto was first published in the vilest rag that ever polluted the journalistic air of this country, the Jewish Forward, Abe Cahan's organ of juicy bedroom scandals, political chicanery, brazenly lying reports about radicals, here and elsewhere, and a paper, which for lack of principle in any question has the unenviable distinction of not having a worthy rival in the field. The manifesto showed such a vastly greater intimacy with American persons and conditions than it did of Russian—and it is said to have been written in Moscow—that it has suspicious earmarks of having been written in an office nearer the Woolworth Building than the Kremlin.

However, our dear sir and brother Samuel Gompers, took it up with all the glee of a doddering old ass with a new toy. He published it prominently in the American Federationist, official organ of the A. F. of L. (read: personal organ of Samuel) and had it broadcasted by his press service to all labor papers.

With noble tears in his bleary old eyes he points to the manifesto as another convincing example of bolshevik barbarity. "It is a protest," he writes, "not in the name of 25 so-called political prisoners, such as are still imprisoned in the United States, but of 50,000 working people, largely socialists and laborers!"

Terrible, no? This newly-discovered tenderness that Gompers has for the Russian masses, and especially for socialists—socialists in Russia, you understand, not here. Here he has for socialists only the contempt that anyone would have for a bootlicking tool that comes in handy in the fight against the real militants, the Communists.

The alleged manifesto of the mensheviks is filled with the most inconceivable mass of unfounded insinuations and direct lies. No names are mentioned, there are only implications and generalities which have no basis in fact. The document is a revamping of the stew which the labor fakirs of the world have tried to shove down the throats of the workers with the cooperation of the counterrevolutionary mensheviks and social revolutionaries. The same lies have been refuted time and time again not only by communists but even by honest bourgeois investigators and journalists.

Wm. P. Kruse, who recently returned from Russia after a trip in the interest of the motion picture work of the Friends of Soviet Russia, writes in the January number of The Liberator about this new shameless attack upon the workers' republic.

"At the present time there is no political oppression in Russia. None is needed. No nation on earth could wage a successful war of invasion against her—thanks to the Red Army within and the revolutionary labor elements without. And no force conceivable among the discredited, disintegrating Tsarist and 'democratic' elements either in Russia or in foreign capitals can hope to dislodge the present government from within—thanks to the whole-hearted support won by Bolshevik policies in practice among both city workers and peasants. Russia today has a supremely efficient and powerful proletarian state apparatus backed by the almost unanimous consent of the nation's working masses. This consent is built and maintained upon the solid foundation of service to the masses."

"The Communist tactics in maintaining mass support is positive—not negative. That is the real reason for their holding power to this day. The Social-Democrats complain that 'all kinds of expositions and fairs are humming noisily'—that is their characterization of the great Agricultural Exposition to which two hundred thousand peasants and workers, elected in village and factory, were taken to Moscow at the expense of the government, there shown the real accomplishments of the present government and thoroughly impregnated with the idea of the unity of interest between worker and peasant and soldier, between the capital city and the provinces, between all the sixty-five peoples that together make up the Russian nation. A State with such propaganda means at its disposal and such breadth of vision in their use need not and does not 'murder and massacre' its futile opponents as charged in this hysterical and unsupported manifesto."

But there is no need to quote further from the excellent answer to the calumnies of these insects. They are beyond redemption so far as the working class is concerned. Sold souls, they will continue to fight with all their remaining strength against the wave of progress which is rising against them and their activities in the past. Both Gompers and his socialist allies are due for an upheaval which will land them on the equivalent in social and political life of the garbage can in domestic life.

They are living in the false security created by them in their continual parrotings of the phrases of counterrevolution: that the communists are weak and amount to nothing in this country; that the soviet government is ruled by savages and is always on the point of falling; and that the United States government, the most autocratic in the world so far as the workers are concerned, is the most beautiful blossom in the democratic flower.

As comrade Kruse says in his article: "Meanwhile Gompers and Cahan take comfort in this manifesto. It should give them small joy to be told that their own is not the only kind of 'labor' dictatorship that exists in the world. In Russia we have the first example of a dictatorship for labor and by labor—among Nam's newspaper boys we see a vest-pocket edition of the dictatorship against labor that drowned out in blood the efforts of the German, Hungarian, Russian and Italian workers for self-government; the American workers will have something to say about the form they prefer and on the facts as before them we need have no fear that they will react any differently from the Russian workers for the Soviet government and against its reactionary traducers."

Didn't Paul Lafargue speak a mouthful when he wrote: "Wealth is the result of labor and the reward of idleness?"

My voice is raised
 For Jimmy Shirker,
 He won't subscribe
 To "The Young Worker."

A Relief Diet-Exploitation
 By EDGAR HART.

Twenty thousand children and young people taken from their homes in the interior of Turkey by the American Near East Relief are being exploited and trained as wage slaves in true American style.

The reactionary Near East Relief brags that entire towns are being built and manned by these unfortunate child victims of the World War.

Greece and Syria are co-operating with the American relief organization in placing the children in suitable places for their exploitation. The Greek government has turned over several acres of land on the Island of Syros for this purpose. In these places the children perform all the work necessary for their maintenance, even doing the major portion of the work in constructing their homes. Besides making their livings at the present time, the children are given "industrial training."

Near Athens, Greece, American capital is being used for the exploitation of these children as well as other Near East refugees.

It is expected that these operations will be extended on a large scale and that the infamous American institution, child labor, will be introduced by the so-called relief organizations.

Whenever you hear a man dissuading you from attempting to do well on the ground that perfection is "Utopian," beware of that man.—Rushkin.

Please nominate
 Patricia Randall,
 She simply "loves"
 All party deals.

Junior League News

Marched Juniors Plan Fight.
 The young comrades of the Marched Juniors, Chicago, are fighting the case of one of their comrades who is charged with undisciplined action in his class room at the Clark School, Chicago. The following leaflet is being distributed by our young fighters.

Protest Meeting.
 One of your fellow schoolmates is being sent to the Foster School (semi-parental school). Neither he nor his mother have been given a chance to defend themselves. Come and hear about it. Let's all fight the battle of our fellow school mate! We must all stick together! Down with teachers who do not understand children! Down with unjust punishment! Come one! Come all to the meeting.

Medill High School Nucleus Fights For Immediate Demands.
 The Y. W. L. nucleus in the Medill High School, Chicago, is increasing its membership every week. The main reason for this is its continual struggle for live demands within the school. In the latest bulletin posted by the members on all bulletin boards and walls in the school appear the following:

1. We demand at least 10 minutes between each period in the school.
 2. We demand one hour for lunch.
 3. We demand an individual locker for every member in the school.
 4. We demand that every case of tardiness and the punishment therefor be acted upon by a students' committee to be elected by the students as follows:
 - 5 delegates from the freshmen.
 - 5 delegates from the Juniors.
 - 5 delegates from the Sophomores.
 - 5 delegates from the Seniors.
 5. We demand sanitary conditions in the school lunch room. Send your unsigned protest letters into the principal. Rally round our slogans.
- MEDILL HIGH SCHOOL NUCLEUS OF Y. W. L.**

Texan Toreadors

Frightened by resolutions adopted by Parker County, Texas, residents condemning Baylor University for teaching the theory of evolution, President Dr. S. P. Brooks issued a lengthy statement protesting and denying that any such heretical thoughts had ever been allowed to enter the minds of that part of the youth of Texas which is unfortunate enough to attend Baylor.

In his long statement he frankly denied that anything had been taught in Baylor which would not tend to maintain the belief of the young students "in such scriptural age-old and central teachings of our Baptist fathers as the absolute and universal fall of man, the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His atoning death on Calvary for sinners, the literal and triumphant resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the glorious fact of His coming again."

The youth of Texas is saved from eternal damnation! It yet remains true that God made a mud statue out of Adam and then tore out a rib to make Eve. It is yet an incontrovertible fact that Jesus was born out of a pure, virgin and solitary visit of the Holy Ghost to the Virgin Mary. The religious opium will continue to be smoked by Texas youth, so as to prepare them to be pious slaves or equally pious masters of slaves, and the souls of Lamarck, Wallace, Darwin, Haeckel and other infidels will be damned to a hissing hell.

It is to be wondered at that Texas is one of our most illiterate states, the illiteracy spreading even into its highest circles. In connection with the religious and intellectual purity of the citizens of the Lone Star state, it is interesting to remember a resolution which was passed some time ago in the state legislature, by, if we remember rightly, an almost unanimous vote. The learned members of Texas' highest calling body voted to invite before them the learned, pale-skinned, premier of Russia, to sing them some of his selections.

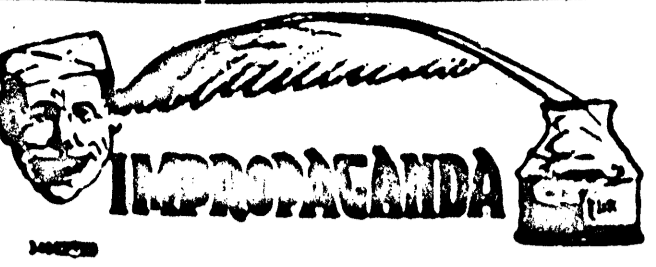
We'll take a guess that a large percentage of the members of the legislature were turned out by Baylor College or some similarly noble product of Texas!

Covered Koo Koo Kause Committee Considerable Konfusion.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The circulation of a printed circular explaining the aims and principles of the Ku Klux Klan, in at least one of the public schools of this city was the cause of much flurry in political circles. The mayor of the city immediately sent a letter to the president of the school committee demanding an investigation of the matter, which had been brought to his attention a few days ago.

Women Turn Down Youth Military Training Camps Appeal.
DETROIT.—By a vote of 600 to 6 the delegates to the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention here, turned down a resolution deploring the fact that boys in this state had failed to attend the summer training camp at Camp Custer, and calling upon the women's clubs to use their influence to fill the vacant spots.

In spite of the feverish efforts of the capitalist militarists to get young workers to come to the camp last year, with all sorts of inducements, such as free transportation, board, etc., they refused to turn out and be trained to fight the approaching wars of the bosses and probably be used to turn their guns on striking workers, as is done by State militia and national troops whenever a strike of the workers threatens the profits of the bosses in the slightest way.

We are fighting for you and you should join in.



A news item declares the late Baron Rothschild had the finest collection of fleas in the world. We have often heard that these old millionaires go bad—and worse—until they finally "get bugs."

Wild, Wild Women.
 In Chicago the most active sheep nucleus is composed entirely of girls. The female of the species is certainly more deadly than the male. —NAT.

Particular Party Poets.
 A. P. P.
 Is George McBurn
 He only moves
 "That we adjourn."
 "Two Men and a Pig Pinched; Pig Is Not Free."—Headline. This should disprove, once and for all, the lying statement that workers are treated "like pigs."
 —Aphagus Maybach.

The Chicago Nipple Manufacturing Company has declared an extra dividend of twenty-five cents a share on its clean A stock.—Financial Report.
 The success of this firm proves that Margaret Sanger has failed in opposing our campaign for a mass children's organization.

Chalk up this post Miss Lizzy Keating She often likes To miss a meeting.
 —Anastasia.

Gary's Godly Gospel.
 U. S. Kirel Gary comments on the unprecedented prosperity of American workmen. Simultaneously, the U. S. Children's Bureau finds that "less than half of 1 per cent of the children examined in Gary, Ind., obtain sufficient food."—The Cleveland Press.

Red Says: "It seems the presidential candidates are trying to build up their political fences from the timber in the various blocs."

Immortalize This post McKittie She hates to serve On a committee.
 —Vera Reid.

The treasury of the Chinese government is empty.— And we used to think the Chinese were not a modern nation.

Secretary Weeks is reported ill with a severe cold. Probably contracted in being the draft for the next war.

"Blick Layer" writes us for an explanation of the headline "Women in Black Veils See Pope Confer Red Hats." He thought reference to the Red Hat was a sign of our increasing influence.

We warn "Blick Layer" not to be optimistic. If he had read the news account under this headline he would have learned that when the Pope conferred the Red Hats, he himself wore a red cap. But— he also wore "the mitre of the golden fleece."

J. B. McNutt This bird please mention He raises hell In a conventicle.

A peculiar fact is that in any labor issue, it is the left wing that does not want to be left.

The National Industrial Conference Board makes public the increase in the price of food and rent—while gas is cheaper. The cheapness of gas is easily explained. The presidential campaign is on.

In the presidential race there is much talk of political dark horses. Our idea of a political dark horse seems to be a candidate who has no chance but is such a jackass that naturally he can't say "Nag."

**A capitalist cut-up says: "The greatest freedom a man can enjoy is that of putting his hands in his pockets." Whereinell is the pleasure if he finds nothing in it?
 —J. W. B.**

Start the new year right—With a subscription to THE YOUNG WORKER.

"Churches Offer Fine Music On Christmas"—News Headline. Shucks!—It's the same old tune we have in this column. "Contribute! Contribute!—For God's Sake, Contribute!" —Walt Carmon.

Alas, the Starving Russians!

Miss Most Frenzied and Ridiculous Excellency, Count Stefan Stojanovitch, who boasts a descent from one of the noblest families of the nobility of Czaristic Russia, is out of English governesses; he is an "extra" in a New York playhouse, at \$2 a day.

Her Exalted and Highly Unimportant Ladyship, Countess Vera Ruba, whose beauty was a toast to the cavaliers of the gay and juicy days of the salacious tsar Rasputin and the wife of Nicholas II, and at whose quiver of an eyelid the assistant butler would be exiled to Siberia, now jumps in the tune of a megaphone at whose end yelps an exasperated movie director. Two dollars a day.

His Bewhiskered and Useless Lordship Prince Vladimir Volotsky, who, it is whispered, was the third assistant chamber maid of the Czar himself, now manages to decrease a New York theatrical production payroll by \$2 a day.

And the same may be said of General Prince Wastly Nikoloff, Prince Nikolai Glowacki and dozens upon dozens of other such useless fifth.

The Cleveland Press bemoans the fact that these ex-nobles are now forced to do some actual work. This flunky rag writes thus:

"Travesty stalks hand in hand with gaiety along the Great White Way. Perhaps the most tragic of all is the fate of Russian refugees who in great numbers have sought a refuge in New York from proletarian despots who now rule their native land."

International Liebknecht Day

Five years ago, on January 15, 1919, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg were foully murdered by the military henchmen of the socialist leaders of Germany.

Since then, every year marks a special day in the history of the young communist movement for demonstrations on that anniversary. Liebknecht was a direct comrade of the revolutionary youth and it was to them that he first appealed in an effort to get the German workers to rise against the imperialistic slaughter which was covering Europe with workers' blood. Before the war, too, he had been very active in organizing, speaking and writing for the revolutionary youth movement.

This year, the Young Communist International has set aside the 20th of January for the celebration of International Liebknecht Day. All over the world this day will be celebrated by the class-conscious workers, young and old, in honor of the brave working class leader, Karl Liebknecht. In the United States the demonstrations are under the direction of the Young Workers League of America, and meetings are being held in all the cities where there is a league branch.

Other parts of this issue contain accounts of the significance of this historic day. Let us here say but one thing. Liebknecht died at the height of his fighting career. He was in the midst of a revolutionary crisis and was captured and ignominiously murdered by a vile gang of beer-swilling officers. Liebknecht and Luxemburg died for the cause of the revolutionary working class. He gave all that was in him for the workers' fight and his life was taken from him. He realized full well the dangers that menaced him when he stood up almost alone and defied the reactionary monsters who surrounded him from all sides, and yet he did not flinch for a moment. He "carried on."

Liebknecht and Luxemburg fought not for personal glory or gain, but to erase from the book of history the black stain which capitalism was spreading there. They fought for light against the darkness of reaction. They wanted the abolition of the poverty and misery and toll and bloody wars which were the lot only of the workers. They fought by the side of the workers against the blackest forces in history. They stood up unyieldingly when "cowards flinched and traitors sneered."

On this day, when we review our condition and survey our tasks for the future in the light of our past experience, let us firmly resolve to bear the red flag on to the goal without hesitation or doubts. Let us pledge ourselves once more to the great cause for which Liebknecht and Luxemburg and thousands of other noble proletarian fighters have given their lives. We shall march on, united and growing ever stronger, until the day when the working class shall have emancipated itself from the thrall-dom of capitalism and ushered in the new society, communism!

On With the Investigations!

The State Department of Public Instruction in Michigan announces that he intends to carry out a complete investigation into the truth of the charges made by the National Child Labor Committee that children under the age of six were being viciously exploited in the beet fields of that state. After a report is made on the results of that investigation, some other satrap will probably deny the truth of the charges once more and make another investigation.

And so, while the children of the workers continue to slave under the burning sun of Michigan fields and in many other states, the governmental officials and the reformers will continue to make their investigations and bring their petitions. The Young Workers League of America is out to organize these terribly exploited children so that they themselves can put up a fight against their exploitation. The Young Workers League is not a benevolent organization which, with tears in its eyes, makes investigations about the horrible conditions of the children. There have been too many investigations already, and we know but too well what the conditions of the workers, young and old, are in this country. The Young Workers League calls upon the young workers of America to join its ranks and fight for better conditions of labor and for their eventual emancipation from the yoke of capitalist exploitation.

Don't stand aside! Join the ranks of the fighting revolutionary, class-conscious young workers of this country and get into the struggle against the masters until they and their miserable system is wiped forever off the face of the earth!

They are Not All Free Yet!

With a big flourish of trumpets, the remaining federal prisoners in American jails were released by order of President Coolidge. This belated act of justice will be greeted with joy by the workers who appreciated the fight which these prisoners put up for the rights of their fellow workers during a period when it wasn't very healthy to stand up for anyone's rights but those of your boss. But the release is belated. More, the men should never have been put into the hideous dungeons of the rascally collection of bootlickers and imbeciles that rule this country.

These workers were jailed for standing by their class. They were clapped into jail because of alleged opposition to the war. Not a single protester went to jail, however, in spite of the untold violations of laws passed during war and peace time. Even lately, when it was discovered that Forbes, director of the Veteran's Bureau, was using his high office to help his political and financial friends to pluck ripe melons of graft from the business of "rehabilitating the returned heroes," it remained a discovery and nothing has yet been done about it.

But it is different with the workers. Let one of them but entertain the awful notion that things are not quite as correct as they might be, then he is considered a menace to the good and welfare of this government, guilty of almost everything with the possible exception of forgery and mayhem and a logical candidate for a cell in a federal penitentiary.

This much-heralded release of political prisoners has not turned out to be quite so nice as it was cracked up to be. There are still scores of class war victims in the prisons of this country. Sentenced under state laws, it gives the president a good excuse as to his inability to do anything about the case. These workers are now distributed all over the country, as far east as Pittsburgh and west to California.

There are dozens of members of the I. W. W. in the prisons of California, Washington, Idaho, Kansas and elsewhere. Communists are the sufferers in New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Numerous other workers without political affiliations are left to spend their last years in the poisonous air of the pen. Ford, Subr, Mooney, Billings, Dolla and countless other soldiers of the class struggle are still in prison.

These prisoners of state governments must be released! There must be no further conviction of workers who stand by their class! If you are a worker it is your duty to stand by the side of those who are fighting for you and with you. Send donations to the Labor Defense Council, which is handling the Michigan communist cases; the National Defense Committee, which takes care of communist cases all over the country; and the General Defense Committee, which does the work for the Industrial Workers of the World.

Out with all the prisoners of the hog-jowled bosses of this country! Don't rest until the last political prisoner has been released from the dungeons of the capitalists and has again taken his place in the ranks of the movement for the emancipation of the working class!

"HOW CUD YU?"

Jack Carney, recently returned from Ireland after a sojourn with his fellow countrymen, is responsible for this one: In the recent British general elections, Lloyd George was expatiating at his usual length and with his usual bery eloquence. He was coming to the point about the late World War, and said something about "the fruits of victory." No sooner had the phrase slipped from his lovely, whiskered lips, than a rebel in the audience sang out, "Yes, we have no bananas!"