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Anti-Child Labor Amendments Up For Consideration in Congress As Child Slavery Increases

By MAX SHACHTMAN

Among the numerous resolutions which have been introduced in both houses of the Congress, the joint resolution by senator Shortridge of California which proposes an amendment to the constitution of the United States is the most typical. The Shortridge resolution calls for an amendment to the constitution which when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the states shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the constitution. The resolution incorporates the following article: "The congress shall have power, concurrent with that of the several states, to limit or prohibit the labor of persons under the age of eighteen years."

After having gone thru two readings in the senate it was referred to the senate judiciary committee. The fate of the two previous child labor regulations and prohibition laws which were passed by congress and signed by the president is well-known. The superannuated body of fossils and faithful flunkies of capitalism known as the Supreme Court ruled that the laws were unconstitutional and held that the lives of the children of the workers of this country did not weigh an ounce in comparison with the deprivation of profits the law would entail to the exploiters of working children's flesh and bone.

Where does the Young Workers League of America stand on this question?

We know of the indescribable miseries of the exploited children of this country, unequalled in any other part of the world with the possible exception of China. In every part of the country little children, barely out of their teens, slave away so that the profits of capital may be greater and acquired without the troubles which adult and unionized labor usually gives to the bloated swine. Knowing as we do that the capitalists of this country, its real rulers, do not yield an inch where their profits are concerned, we are certain that no remedial measures for the child slaves will be adopted without a ferocious struggle against them by those who are interested in maintaining things as they are. After the Shortridge amendment is passed in the Senate and the House of Representatives and receives the president's signature, it will have to have the majority vote of 36 of the 48 state legislatures. And it has been computed that on this basis, approximately one-fifteenth of the population

League Secretary and 37 Others Dead in Johnston City Mine Explosion

By BARNEY MASS.

(Special to the "Young Worker") JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—Victor Lakotich, secretary of the Johnston City, Ill., branch of the Young Workers League, was among the 38 miners killed in the explosion in the Crerar-Clinch Coal Company mine here today. Ten minutes after the superintendent came up from the mine and announced that everything was safe, the explosion occurred. Rumor is rife among the miners that the company has been neglecting the regulation precautions against gas flooding the mines and resulting in the horrors of a mine explosion. The county coroner and Martin Bolt, state director of mines, are already busy on an investigation. This is the second terrible mine disaster in two days one at Shanktown, Pa., which snuffed out the lives of 49 toilers having come within 24 hours of the Johnston City explosion.

The Young Workers League branch here is holding a special memorial meeting.

CHICAGO.—The National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League of America has sent the following message of condolence to the Johnston City, Ill., branch on the death of its secretary:

"The sad news of our comrade Lakotich's death has just reached us and we wish to express our deepest sorrow. His death is but another of the innumerable red spots in the bloody history of capitalism's mad rush for profits. As a rank and file worker, slaving in the mines at day and working for the sacred cause at night, comrade Lakotich deserves the greatest commemoration that we can give to his martyrdom. In honor of his death at the hands of capitalism we can do nothing else but pledge our unflinching efforts to the Cause whose coming shall forever abolish the conditions of capitalism which take their daily toll of blood of the working class. "Honor to the death of our comrade Victor Lakotich!"

"On with the work for the emancipation of the working class from the horrors and miseries of capitalism!"

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
"Martin Abern, Ex. Sec'y.

No Delay in May 30th Convention, Farmer-Labor Leaders Declare

CHICAGO.—Farmer and labor political opinion all over the country is decidedly against any postponement of the May 30th convention of all progressive labor and farmer organizations to be held in St. Paul at the call of the Farmer-Labor Conference of Minnesota, the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, the Committee of 48, and state labor parties of Montana, South Dakota and elsewhere. The proposal for postponement was first voiced by William Mahoney of Minneapolis, one of the leading spirits in the call for the conference which is to initiate a huge nationwide party of the working people of the country, after a conference held by him with political leaders in Washington.

Any attempt at postponement of the convention, which has aroused great enthusiasm everywhere and which has the endorsement of influential farmer and labor bodies, was immediately opposed strongly by the Workers Party of America which is leading the fight for a labor party and has announced its intention to participate in the St. Paul convention.

A meeting of the Working People's Non-Partisan Political League of Hennepin County (Minneapolis and environs) went on record by an overwhelming majority against any change in the St. Paul conference from the date originally set.

Dilatory action was also protested against by the Denver conference of the Farmer-Labor Party of the United States, attended by organizations from western and south-western states. The Denver conclave also went on record unanimously as being opposed to the exclusion of any radical working class group from the May 30th conference, as was proposed by certain disgruntled elements in the organization. A clean-cut resolution on the United Front of workers and farmers on the political field was adopted.

In Minneapolis, the home of the proposed conference, which contains many leading figures, practically every leader of the labor movement there declared emphatically against any postponement of the national conference. R. D. Cramer, editor of the official organ of the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly, J. G. Scott, labor member of the board of aldermen, R. S. Wirgin, assistant country attorney, Dan Stevens, secretary of the central labor body, C. A. Hathaway, business representative of the Machinists' District Council and numerous others made unequivocal statements against the proposed postponement, declaring that any such attempt was a serious mistake and amounted to permitting middle-class politicians of the Republican and Democratic parties to dictate to the class forces for a labor party. "It would be the greatest folly," said C. A. Hathaway, "for the rank and file class movement to gamble its whole future on the prospective future action of political adventurers in the ranks of the capitalist parties. This is precisely what the postponement means."

Joseph Manley, secretary of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, in a statement for that organization, said, "The Federated Farmer-Labor Party believes that the action of the Denver conference constitutes an emphatic repudiation of middle-class leadership and indicates that the workers and farmers political movement is ready and able to stand on its own feet."

Boy Scout Campaign Failing; Labor Must Act Against Anti-Union Gang

By HARRY GANNES

Just now a campaign is in progress over the entire country to recruit boys into the scout movement and to collect money for the development and functioning of that organization.

Great as is the effort put behind the Boy Scouts of America, but a small number have been fooled into joining. In the city of Chicago with its three to four hundred thousand school children, only 10,000 boys are counted in the ranks. Even this figure can be taken as an exaggeration; for the leaders of the boy scout movement, they may preach "honesty" to the kids, are no George Washington themselves. New York has a poor scout record. Other big cities, also, show a falling-off in the enthusiasm for scout work.

This is significant. With all the government forces behind the boy scout movement (Congress has even chartered the thing; with the majority of churches giving moral and "spiritual" as well as financial support to this kindergarten army, success has not smiled on the B. S. A.) Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, joined with former President Harding in commending the boy scout movement about a year ago when a nation-wide campaign was started. In matters of creating future anti-labor forces Gompers can combine with those elements who later stab labor in the back (remember the Dougherty injunction), while when it comes to organizing the youth in the trade unions, this short, fat, tolling monk-form individual hides himself, and like a hypocritical priest, weeps torrents at the mention of child labor, but does not invoke one ounce of labor's power to send this dastardly practice.

The American Legion has seen fit to take a hand in the scout movement. In fact, in the United States, outside of the Young Workers League of America, and the Workers Party

Nicolai Lenin, Leader of International Revolution, Is Dead as Workers Mourn

Young Workers League Pledges Itself to Go On With Lenin's Work

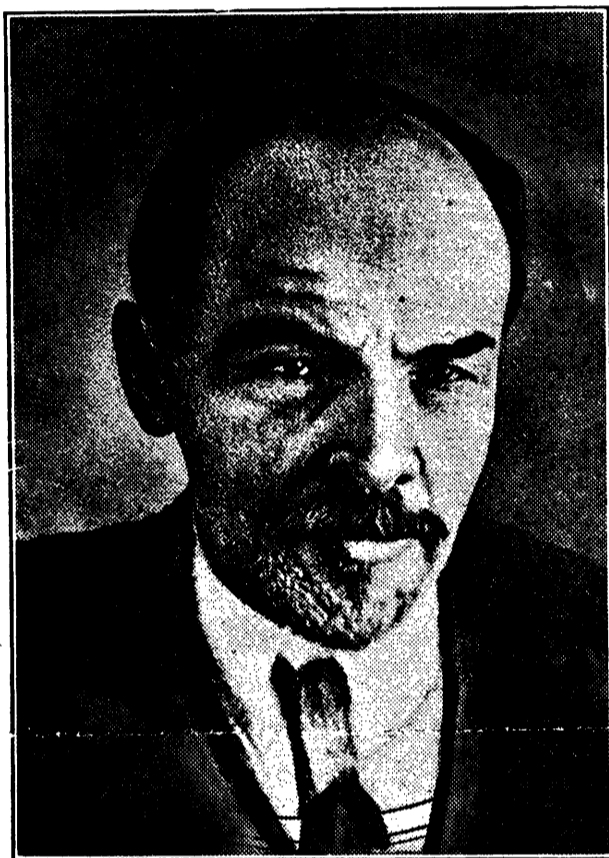
CHICAGO.—On the occasion of the death of Nicolai Lenin, the Young Workers League of America sent the following cablegram: Communist Party of Russia, Moscow, Russia. We will carry on comrade Lenin's revolutionary work. The Young Workers League of America, Martin Abern, Exec. Sec'y

The Working Class of the World Stands Bowed in Grief Before the Grave of the Leader of Workers' Revolution

Nicolai Lenin, for seven years premier of the first working class republic in the world, Soviet Russia, and leader of the Communist International, lies dead in Moscow.

Before his body hundreds of thousands of workers and peasants of Russia pass with mournful hearts for their beloved leader. All over the world the workers and peasants feel the great calamity that has befallen them by the loss of their leader. Wherever a proletarian heart beats, it beats with sorrow for Nicolai Lenin.

Vladimir Ilyitch Ulianov (Lenin's real name), was born in Simbirsk, April 10, 1870, the son of a school master of noble blood. He attended all the elementary schools and at a very



NICOLAI LENIN

H. C. L. Still Rides the High Horse

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The high cost of living is being maintained in many of the most necessary articles of food used by the workers of this country in the latest retail food index compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The following 19 articles of food showed no decrease of price from the month of November, 1923, to December, 1923: Rib roast, chuck roast, plate beef, fresh milk, evaporated milk, cheese, lard, bread, corn meal, rolled oats, corn flakes, wheat cereal, rice, potatoes, baked beans, canned corn, canned peas, canned tomatoes and coffee. For the entire year of 1923 the increase of all food prices was 3 per cent; from the last ten years the increase of all articles of food combined was 45 per cent. Profits are continuing to pile up as the wages of the workers are being cut.

early age became interested in the revolutionary movement of Russia. He became acquainted with the works of Karl Marx, which he studied carefully.

Expelled from the University of Kazan for revolutionary propaganda, he went to the University of Petersburg, where he studied law and was enabled to form contacts with the revolutionary movement there. He gathered around himself a group of true Marxian revolutionaries and fought with a trenchant pen against the groups which did not adhere strictly to scientific revolutionary principles. In 1897 the Czar banished him to Siberia, where he spent the next three years in studying and writing. He was released in 1900 and moved to the center of the Russian revolutionary movement at that time, Switzerland, and the other foreign countries to which the socialists were forced to retire because of the czar's persecutions. He rose to a position of leadership and soon challenged the power of Plechanoff, who was at that time the head of the revolutionary socialist movement. He mercilessly exposed all the compromisers in the Russian Social-Democratic Party, and when he saw that Plechanoff was departing from the path of Marxism he attacked him as vigorously and brilliantly as the others.

Because of the differences within the party, he organized the Bolshevik section of the Social-Democratic party of Russia in 1905 and remained its leader until the day of his death. From the outside he carried on a consistent propaganda in Russia for the revolution of the workers, aided by innumerable silent workers and especially by his devoted wife, Krupenskaya. When the war broke out and the socialist leaders of the entire world traitorously gave up their working class principles, Lenin and the Bolsheviks stood out against the war and denounced it as imperialist. Joined by revolutionary parties and groups in other lands, conferences were held in Kienthal and Zimmerwald, at which the foundation of the Communist (third) International was laid.

It was largely due to the reawakening of the Marxian revolutionary spirit that the Communist International was formed and rose, and this reawakening can be traced back to the books and pamphlets written by Lenin, translated into numerous languages and read by millions of workers. His "Collapse of the Second International" exposed the inherent weaknesses of that organization and the treason of its leaders; "The State and the Revolution" clearly showed the revolutionary teachings of Marx on this question; these were followed by "The Proletarian Revolution and Renegade Kautsky," which severely criticized the theoretical leader of the

Second International, Karl Kautsky, and proved him to be nothing else than a perverter and renegade to the principles of revolutionary Marxism, which he professed. "The Infantile Sickness of Left Communism," which pointed out the road for the Communist International to take in the struggle against the semi-anarchists and syndicalists who thought that the program of the Communist International and the teachings of Lenin were not sufficiently radical for them.

Besides these polemical brochures, Lenin had previously written numerous important works on economics, history and philosophy, which obtained for him a reputation as a keen thinker and analyst and one of the foremost students of Marx in the world.

When the Kerensky revolution broke out in Russia in 1917, Lenin hurried to his native land with many of the other leaders of the Bolsheviks, and began to prepare for the overthrow of the bourgeois government of Kerensky and for the assumption of power by the workers. This was accomplished on November 7, 1917, when the Bolsheviks took over the power, instituted the dictatorship of the proletariat and proclaimed the Soviet Republic.

Lenin was made premier of Russia.

In every situation that Russia faced during its stormy career it was found that Lenin's judgment was always the soundest and wisest. On the question of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, on the institution of the New Economic Policy it was Lenin's program that carried the day for the Russian workers.

In 1917, and again in 1918, attempts at assassination were made against Lenin. The last attempt by Dora Kaplan, a social-revolutionary terrorist, left him in a critical condition. In the past year his condition became worse, and in spite of occasional recuperations, he finally succumbed on the evening of January 22, 1924, not quite 54 years old.

The huge nation is in mourning and huge demonstrations have been held all over the world in honor of the greatest leader of the working class revolution. The Russian Soviet Republic will probably continue to be ruled for some time by the comrades Rykov, Kamev and Stalin, who had been ruling the affairs of state during Lenin's illness. Stalin, who is minister of nationalities, is mentioned as the most probably successor to Lenin's position of premiership.

As a small mark of feeling towards "Ilyitch," the Petrograd Soviet has voted unanimously to change its name to Leningrad. The working class of the world stands by the grave of Nicolai Lenin with bowed head, in grief at the terrible misfortune which has deprived it of its greatest teacher and leader.

American Young Communists Greet German Red Youth

CHICAGO.—In a message sent to the Young Communist League of Germany, the Young Workers League of America, the communist youth organization of this country, greets the German youth and promises them full support in their struggle against reaction and fascism, and hails the news of the rise and progress of the communists in Germany in spite of the persecutions and oppression of the reactionary dictator, Hans von Seekt.

The Young Workers League, in its greeting, condemns the suppression of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party of Germany and pledges itself to unite with the progressive labor forces of this country, the Workers Party and the Trade Union Educational League in a combined effort to furnish relief to the starving German masses of workers, under the direction of the Friends of Soviet Russia and Workers' Germany. The letter points out the reactionary character of the relief now being contemplated by various bourgeois organizations and by the Gompers relief committee, whose only purpose is to stave off a working class revolution in Germany. "We, too, in America, will not cease the struggle until the victory of the working class in America is also achieved the message ends.

15,000 Child Slaves Used to Harvest for California Growers

(Special to "The Young Worker") SAN FRANCISCO.—Revelations of the miserable conditions of more than 15,000 child slaves employed to harvest the 24 big crops of California were made here in a survey just completed by the state boards of education and health.

The children are taken from school early in the spring and slave away until late in the fall, most of them working with their parents whose wages do not suffice for the maintenance of the family. The harvesters work towards the south until they reach the cotton fields in the Imperial valley, toiling with all their strength, at miserably low wages and under the vilest conditions, conditions that rival those of the tiny mill workers of New England and the south.

Many of the children are little more than babies and during these migrations they are obliged to live with their parents in wagons or tents, overworking themselves and ruining their health permanently. It is estimated that over 75 per cent of them are permanently retarded to a sixth grade intelligence, bearing it with them to the grave because of the greedy feudal lords of California and their absolute indifference to the welfare of the workers and their children so long as they can squeeze more profits out of the blood and lives of the kiddies.

The state of California is notorious for its readiness to persecute any working class group whose intention it is to better the conditions of the working class. Not an inch does it move, however, towards protecting the lives and health of its future citizens who toil in the fields so that California may boast of its fruits and grains.

Yipsel Remnants Now Join With Young Workers League

MINNEAPOLIS.—At the last meeting of the Minneapolis branch of the Young Workers League, the Socialist League, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "We, the Young Workers League of Minneapolis, a revolutionary organization of youth, realizing that the Socialist Party, and its appendage, the Y. P. S. L., no longer represent the principles for which we stood, do hereby recognize the Young Workers League of America as the youth organization that has remained steadfastly true to our ideals of socialism, and therefore we hereby instruct or secretary, (1) to turn over to the Young Workers League of Minneapolis whatever funds remain in our treasury, (2) to order our share in the Labor Lyceum stock—\$10.00—officially transferred to their account, and (3) to notify all members of former Socialist organizations of this action, urging them to join the Young Workers League of this city.

(Signed) Cecilia T. Guttman. Leo G. Walewitch.

New York Laggeth Not Behind!

A New York Branch of the Y. P. S. L., not to be left behind by their Minneapolis comrades, has passed a motion condemning their officials for not having taken any action towards uniting with the Young Workers League as was expressed in a resolution passed by the branch a short time ago. The members of the Y. P. S. L. who still have any revolutionary feelings in them are becoming disgusted with their organization and are joining up with the Young Workers League of America as the only revolutionary youth organization in the country.

Child Labor Increases Three Fold

Recent disclosures in the number of children between the ages of 14 and 16 applying for work certificates show a tremendous increase in youth labor. The increase ranges all the way from 4.4 per cent in Manchester, N. H., to 307.3 per cent in Waterbury, Conn.

A survey of the last six months in 1922 in comparison with a similar period of the previous year shows that out of 27 cities, 21 shows an increase and only 6 a decrease in the number of applicants between the above mentioned ages. The following cities all had a percentage above 100 per cent.

- Fall River, Mass., 121.1 per cent
- above 1921, Louisville, Ky., 140.4 per cent
- Milwaukee, Wis., 123.6 per cent
- New Haven, Conn., 110.9 per cent
- Springfield, Mass., 179.1 per cent
- Waterbury, Conn., 307.3 per cent

These startling figures include only those who made legal application for work permits and it is a well known fact that many thousands never bother with this formula. It is well to note that this includes only those children over 14 years of age and makes no mention of the other child workers.

Further the figures presented do not include "vacation permits," issued for a limited time only. From many cities it is shown that even these "vacation permits" were issued in larger numbers than heretofore. From Paterson, Brooklyn and Philadelphia the attendance officers have all issued statements to the effect that the number of vacation permits issued this year almost double that of last year.

The great majority of the cities reporting such frightful conditions are located in the textile and manufacturing



AMERICA'S WHITE SLAVES

Wilmington, Del., 181.2 per cent, Worcester, Mass., 220.8 per cent, Yonkers, N. Y., 105.5 per cent.

A further comparison will show that during the first six months in 1923 the increase was still higher, actually being 674.3 per cent above that of the same period for the year previous in Waterbury, Conn. A survey of the first six months in 1923 covering 30 leading industrial cities show 28 cities with a substantial increase and only two with a decrease.

- The following cities had a percentage over 100 per cent for the first six months in 1923 in comparison with 1922:
- Bridgeport, Conn., 100 per cent
- Hartford, Conn., 155.2 per cent
- Louisville, Ky., 351.9 per cent
- Manchester, N. H., 402 per cent
- Milwaukee, Wis., 309.5 per cent
- New Haven, Conn., 177.5 per cent
- Pittsburgh, Pa., 126.7 per cent
- Springfield, Mass., 214.7 per cent
- Waterbury, Conn., 674.3 per cent

League Debater Wins in Frisco. SAN FRANCISCO.—Ebe Bassi, a member of the local Young Workers League, carried off the honors for the affirmative side in a debate between high school teams on the subject, "Resolved that the Criminal Syndicalist Law Should be Repealed." The judges decided for the affirmative.

Get Behind This Fund!

From all reports in our paper, you can see that the Young Workers League of America is definitely on the advance, both in membership and influence. We have been able to do this because we have put every ounce of our energies and money behind this work. We still have the energy and lots of it—BUT WE HAVE NO MONEY! WE ARE UP AGAINST IT!

(Fill out this blank.)

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE SUSTAINING FUND, 1009 N. State Street, Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrades,—Enclosed find my share \$ towards the league sustaining fund. I am with you in your work! Name Address City State

By J. WILLIAMSON.

Boy Scout Campaign Failing; Labor Must Act Against The Anti-Union Gang

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who are against capitalist wars. Nor can any intelligent worker overlook the fact that 95 per cent of the training of the boy scouts is military.

The boy scouts were organized as a militarist unit. All scout organizations descend from the group formed by Gen. Baden Powell in England after England's trimming in the Boer War. Too much praise has been heaped upon the boy scouts by army officers the world over to let the leaders of this organization hide behind the transparent slogan of "The boy scouts are not a military organization."

Scout leaders are the most contemptible sort of thurothroats. Most of them belong to the state militia; nearly all of them have army records (which so far as working class interests are concerned, are worse than criminal records).

Every member of the working class should hinder the development and growth of the scout movement. Those who have children should keep them out of this body. Working class children themselves should stay out of it. Active propaganda must be taken up against the B. S. A. Not one penny should go to pay for the training of future enemies of labor—the Boy Scouts. Whenever a worker meets a misguided kid, he should persuade him to get out and to bring others along with him. Trade unions can help by passing anti-boy scout resolutions as matters of self-interest.

1. Abolition and prohibition of all child labor.
2. Free provision of the children by the state.
Undoubtedly many workers will not understand the practicability of the second demand. Being realistic the Young Workers League knows that certain conditions prevail among the adult workers of this country and that their wages are so small that they cannot feed, clothe and shelter their own offspring. We also know that any member of society that contributes to the upkeep of that social system, as the workers certainly do, are entitled to a proportionate return.

No good to the workers can be expected from the boy scout movement. It strikes the workers; and they are known to have aided the bosses. That they are in a position to do material damage to the trade unions was proved by an investigation by the Illinois Federation of Labor, and this conclusion has never been refuted. Every workers should, not only sabotage the boy scouts, but should deal it a death blow at every opportunity.

Vets "Boo" Coolidge and Mellon at Bonus Rally Held in Chicago

CHICAGO.—Filling the Garrick theatre to the very aisles and lobbies, veterans of the world war laughed and booted the mention of the names of President Coolidge and his financial wizard, the secretary of the treasury Andrew Mellon, at a meeting called by the American Legion to discuss the subject of a bonus for the veterans.

Gales of laughter greeted the announcement by C. B. Slemm, the president's secretary, when he said, "The president regrets that his stand on this question has been a disappointment to some of his friends."

The legionaries were addressed by their ex-national commanders Macnider and Owsley, who attempted to soothe the feelings of the ex-service men by taking a bold stand in favor of the bonus. Every word in favor of the bonus was greeted with applause and cheers by the soldier audience.

No attempt was made by any of the speakers to tell the soldiers why they had been fighting except to hand out the old buncombe about "democracy." The Young Workers League members, however, were on hand with literature and with their special anti-militarist leaflet which was distributed in large quantities and well received by the veterans.

A complete departure from past study class methods is contemplated by the educational committee who will attempt to form a workers' college on a small basis, but with a regular curriculum and capable instructors. The subjects contemplated are English, Public Speaking, Economics, Sociology and Evolution. It is not expected that this will be working before next fall, but a start will be made before spring.

A monster City Central celebration, ball and dance is under way for Paris Commune Day, Sunday March 16th. Something new in the line of a celebration that will out rival any put on by any worker's organization before.

Hibbing Will Have School Nucleus In spite of the difficulties confronting the Hibbing Young Workers League branch, they are going right ahead with the work. This young product of Minnesota is already talking of nuclei, and though there are not many industrial workers in the branch, there is every chance that in the very near future, a nucleus will be organized of the comrades who go to the same school in that town. More power to you, comrades, and let your example be followed all over the country!

Working Class Education

By LOUIS BRAVERMAN

In order to be a militant young worker one must be equipped with a sound Marxist understanding. These statements were expressed by Comrade Lenin in an address to young communists in Moscow.

The fact that modern capitalism is divided into two classes, whose interests are not alike, is self-evident; and young workers must understand their function in the structure of society.

Karl Marx said that the ideas, morals and ethics of the ruling class are the ideas of the masses. The ruling class tries its utmost to propagate and popularize these slogans thru the church, press and schools. The secret of their supremacy lies in the ignorance of the great mass of people.

The capitalist class influences the working class youth in the same degree as the press and church fix the heads of the adults. When the young worker comes to school, ignorant of the things surrounding him, he is confronted with a teacher who reads to him from the text book about the great men of history who build up modern society; how these great men were born of poor people, educating themselves to such a height of social and economic rank, and she proposes that this can be achieved in a simple manner.

The secret key of happiness lies in the following statement: "Early to bed, and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." The young worker puts this idea into his head, believes it, acts on it. He goes to bed at nine, rises with the alarm clock, works hard and saves all he can from his miserable wage. He may be healthy, he is getting wise, but is surprised to find that the promised wealth is not there.

The boss goes to sleep at midnight, rises at noon and—look at him!

Since he is disappointed in school or deprived of the "advantage" of schooling, he seeks consolation in the Gospel of Christ, expressed by potbellied and contented sky pilots. Blessed are the poor for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! shouts the servant of Christ.

But the funniest thing about this is that while the poor slave's eyes are fixed on the skies, the boss fires him for not producing! The press performs its function

perhaps more than any of the other agents. These degenerates and pen prostitutes do the dirty work of their masters such as interpreting every day events, such as strikes, trade union movement, and working class activities, from a master class point of view. They have a firm hold on the mind of the slave by feeding him on cheap novels and bed-time stories, which are digested very easily in the weary mind of the modern worker, who, deprived of all sorts of pleasures, naturally seeks sensations and thrills by reading such trash.

These are the means employed to maintain the supremacy of the exploiters: The dominant thoughts and ideas of the ruling class and its state. But the working class youth is equipped with the proletarian method of looking at things and will nevertheless counteract these propagators of starvation and human enslavement, and show them up to the great mass of people in their true light.

The capitalist system was not born by accident, but developed from a system previous to it. Already working within the feudal form of society, the first signs of capitalism were seen. The Lutheran reformation in Germany was strategically used by rising capitalism.

Just as feudalism showed its first signs of decay, the rising capitalists, in order to gain the support of the proletariat which was of course not developed as it is today, issued such phrases as Liberty, Fraternity and Equality, which in the long run meant nothing but liberty, fraternity, and equality to those who owned property. When their time came, they broke the backbone of feudalism, as in the great French revolution.

From this we can learn how they came into existence. To make them disappear is the task to perform and we can accomplish that great task by education, organization and agitation!

Australians Give K. K. K. the Razz. SYDNEY, N. S. W.—The first appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in Sydney—they call themselves the Anglo-Saxon Klan there—was met with boos and jeers from a huge gathering of people who came out to see the Knights of Klowns. The crazy Koo Koo couldn't kvitte, convince the Australians of their necessity. America, take notice!

With The Leagues

Liebkecht Meetings Big Success. The mass demonstration in New York on International Liebknecht Day was certainly a success from every point of view. Over two thousand workers, young and old, filled the large Central Opera House where comrades Sam Darcy, Samuel Dun and Ben Gitlow addressed them on the significance of the day. Comrade Max Shachtman, editor of the Young Worker also spoke.

Chicago and Los Angeles Hit It Up. Chicago had a splendid meeting, in spite of the inclement weather, second only to New York. Comrades Bob Minor, Bill Foster, John Edwards, Max Bedacht and Peter Herd held their audience at the highest point of interest as they portrayed the various phases of Liebknecht Day and the situation in Germany today. A novel feature of the meeting was the presentation of several tableaux by the comrades, portraying Capitalism and its many agencies; their blinding effect upon the proletariat and finally the victory of Communism over all such obstacles. Singing and music by the League band topped the program.

Los Angeles had a meeting which was unparalleled in the history of the youth of that city. Over 750 workers came and listened to the YWL and WP speakers. The YWL has

been commended and taken considerable notice of by the Party comrades since their successful meeting, and it is expected that greater cooperation in all activities will be the result.

Gary and Easton. Earl Browder spoke to a meeting at Gary, Ind., the well known steel town where the 12 hour day reigns supreme. From Easton, Pa., comes the report that a successful meeting was held with a member of the National Hungarian Propaganda Committee as the principal speaker. The local members feel proud of their success which undoubtedly will result in many new members joining the ranks.

Philadelphia filled the hall with a crowd of six hundred. Gitlow and a comrade recently arrived from Germany spoke. It is the best Liebknecht meeting ever held in the Quaker City.

Mining Territory Covered by Kaplan. In the steel center of the world, Pittsburgh, an attendance of 250 was recorded. Comrade Kaplan spoke at great length on the German situation. The significance of the German shop councils was dealt with and their relation to our shop nuclei activity in this country. In Canonsburg a very successful meeting was held.

200 young miners attended. The Junior section gave a play 'The School Struggle' which went across big and one member recited the International in a very dramatic style. Comrade Merrick also spoke at this meeting.

At Daisytown a small mining camp with a population of 2000, the meeting was a great success. The comrades worked hard and had an audience of 350. Comrade Helen Heinonen is very active in this vicinity and acted as chairman. Kaplan was very much impressed with the caliber of the workers in this vicinity. In Monesen, a twin town to Daisytown, the least successful meeting of the group was held. This was due primarily to the fact that the majority of the young workers, are employed on the night shift of the Tin Rolling mill. This is the basic industry of the town and here we find existing the well known 'Steel Corporation' conditions. Nevertheless the small audience showed much enthusiasm and Kaplan pointed out that such a meeting should not discourage the comrades as this was an international meeting and Monessen was only a very small part of a gigantic world demonstration.

Reports have not yet come in from all the branches and units and they will be contained in the next issue. We can safely say however, that this Liebknecht Day was the most successful yet held in this country.

In and Around Cleveland.

The Cleveland territory was covered for a period of 11 days by comrade Martin Abern, executive secretary of the League. Besides holding some fine Liebknecht Day meetings in Cleveland, Dillonvale, East Liverpool, and Youngstown, membership and committee meetings were held in most of these cities. A complete revision of the work of the leagues was a result of these visits. Cleveland in particular can be expected to resume again its position in the forefront of our active leagues. Already its quota of Young Workers has been tripled and union work is increasing by rapid strides. The individual members are taking it upon themselves to begin real activity in every phase of our work and it is expected that in a short time Cleveland will have a half a dozen or more functioning shop and school units. The work is being consolidated and the leagues in that section are advancing with sure feet along a carefully chosen path.

The Dillonvale branch is going strong and there is now a junior branch in East Liverpool where a league branch may soon be counted upon. Youngstown, the heart of Ohio steel, has a steel-spined branch which is flexible enough to allow the league to enter into communist activities.

Comrade Rebecca Sacherow, of Cleveland, spoke at Martins Ferry and Yorkville on International Liebknecht Day.

Detroit Expects to Lead Country

Organization work in the Auto-City has gone ahead so fast that the last two months that the older League members threaten to be swamped by the new comers.

There are now five branches with a total membership of nearly a hundred and the applications are only beginning to come in.

Branch One, meeting in the famous House of Masses, has opened a permanent headquarters. It is equipped with a pool table, two book cases with books, library tables, reading lamps, boxing gloves and other athletic equipment.

The Detroit Y. W. L. basket-ball team, under the captainship of Bradford Wignat, are enrolled in the City Recreation Commission League and regular weekly games will follow. Complete uniforms have been furnished the players by the League. The emblem is made up of the letters Y. W. L. in a red star, which is in a red circle. The first girls basket-ball team is to be organized the week of Jan. 21st, and report will be made on their activity in the near future. The soccer team, organized by the Delray branch, will be taken under the supervision of the C. C. C. and will be strengthened by the addition of new material from the other circles. John Steigerwald of Branch 3 is expected to be placed in charge as manager.

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NICOLAI LENIN

The untimely death of our comrade and leader, Nicolai Lenin, comes as the greatest shock that the working class of the world has had for decades. His death is the greatest loss to working class revolutionary leadership since the death of Karl Marx whose most brilliant disciple he was.

As Lenin, the man, he had qualities which were respected and admired universally, but it is as Lenin the revolutionary leader and the work he carried on so steadfastly that we mourn his loss. As the spirit who translated Marxism into Leninism, revolutionary theory into revolutionary action, as the clearest thinker in the international movement his loss is irreparable. Great as was his need to the Russian working class and their revolution, his keen, analytic mind and uncompromising integrity makes his death an even greater loss to the movement for emancipation all over the world.

Lenin's whole life and all his energies and works were devoted to the movement for freeing the working class from the chains of capitalism. It was he who forged the mighty, unconquerable weapon of the Russian workers, the Russian Communist Party. He stood up against all odds for revolution when it was a matter of many years. When the moment came for the workers to strike, it was Lenin who led them in the struggle. As premier of the first workers' republic, he guided the destinies of the nation in the face of attacks from all sides, and brought the Soviet Republic to its present unconquerable power.

And before the revolution, he led the fight against the traitors who sold out the working class on the eve of the world slaughter. His teachings and ideas led to the concentration of the divided left wing forces in the international working class movement, to the formation of the powerful Communist International which today strikes the fear of the workers in the heart of the masters in every corner of the world. When there was strife and wrangling within the workers' movement in any part of the world, Lenin came forth with judicial council and there was unity. He was wise with the learning of the rising proletariat. He knew capitalism better than its supporters and his Marxist knowledge coupled with his strong revolutionary will enabled him to guide the class conscious workers along the road to power.

Almost to the end he took an active part in the ruling of Russia. In spite of his malady and the assassin's bullets in his body, his indomitable energy kept him alive and interested to the last in the Revolution.

Beside him, the puppets of capitalism are miserably insignificant. When his contemporaries, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Lloyd George, MacDonald, Poincare, Millerand, and the host of other representatives of the dying order, are completely forgotten or remembered only by their evil deeds, he will stand out as the spirit of the new day, as the greatest figure of his time.

We mourn the death of comrade Lenin. But his work lives on forever. To he has died his work stands as the glorious commemoration and tribute to his life. The Communist International will continue along the path which he indicated. The working class of the world will follow the lead of those of whom Lenin was a part—and a leader.

Could Lenin have a word to say now, he would plead for no memorials. We have only one to give to him: to continue, to carry on where he left off. The road is easier to travel because Lenin was a pathfinder and a prophet. Victory lies nearer because Lenin fought the first battles. Our determination and courage are greater because Lenin led the way.

Lenin is dead, but the march of the workers goes forward.

Lenin is dead, but the revolution of the workers is the order of the day.

Lenin is dead, but our hearts are firmer and our arms are stronger for the struggle against the enemy.

To the spirit of Lenin we pledge ourselves to go forward with the work of the international proletarian revolution, the rule of the workers.

LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!
LONG LIVE THE WORLD REVOLUTION OF THE WORKERS!

FOREVER LIVES THE MEMORY AND SPIRIT OF NICOLAI LENIN, LEADER OF THE WORLD REVOLUTION!

When a Rebel's Blood Boils

Additional and astounding details to the story printed in the last issue of The Young Worker by a New York correspondent have just come to hand. The stomach-turning story of the horrid exploitation of children in New York which was brought to light by the New York Welfare Commission was not half told in our earlier correspondence.

Fifteen thousand houses were visited by the investigators and the cases show a state of affairs which would have Simon Legree turn red with shame or green with envy. In some of the families the adults are for varied reasons unable to go out of their homes for work and as a result they take the work home. In such families everyone, from the grandmother to the babes, works. And when we say babes we mean it. Infants of 18 months were found working, doing such jobs as stringing coral so long as they helped increase the family income which is continually hovering about the starvation point. A third of the kiddies are under ten years of age, the rest of them under fourteen and a number of them have not yet reached the age of four. Those who go to school rush home at lunch time, and put in a few hurried minutes at the work which they later continue into the small hours of the night.

A representative of the Brooks Brothers firm admitted at the hearings of the commission that their goods are turned into clothing by just such labor. Another gentleman from the Julius Keyser Company declared that all the delicate fineries of midday are finished in these slave pens; garments which sell for \$49 cost \$2 to make up! Gloves, handkerchiefs, hosiery, toys, dolls, artificial flowers, powder puffs and what are turned out by these children who live in this horrible state of slavery.

Sometimes we are accused of being unnecessarily brutal in our language, of being vicious in our attacks, and hasty in our accusations. But when we are confronted with a situation like this and the numerous similar ones all over this glorious land of the slave, there are no words in the language strong enough, no attack sufficiently expressive and no condemnation powerful enough to give form to our feelings on this matter, to express our disgust and hatred towards this cursed and eternally damned system and its devotees and high priests, its beneficiaries and apologists. All the blood of the masters that has been shed by the uprisings of the oppressed classes all thru the course of history is as nothing to us by the side of the workers' blood and flesh and bone that have been torn and sucked by the vile vampires who ride their backs in bloody splendor.

Each day, as another patch is torn from the hideous body of capitalism, our loathing for this despicable crew increases. We shall not weep or wail for crying to the high heavens. We shall not weep or tear our hair. We shall continue to organize our mighty strength for the day when the last of the dirty gang of our masters is burned beneath the dung heap of their own crimes.

Our Own Bi-Weekly Horror Story.

SAN FRANCISCO.—General Apollo Levantouyev, former brigade commander in the czar's army is now commander of the mop and broom squad of the Emporium department store. Oh, Apollo!

Join the Young Workers League and OWN THE World!

The Labor Party Can't Wait

The proposal made by William Mahoney that the St. Paul conference to organize a united farmer-labor party of the United States be put over until after the nominating conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties is detrimental to the best interests of the working masses of this country on the political field.

To delay the convention in order to suit the convenience of old party politicians who do not find themselves in a position to break away from control until after the old party conventions have adopted their candidates and platforms would amount to flinging in the teeth of the workers and farmers all the hopes and confidence they have placed in the May 30th convention which has as its aim the formation of a national party of labor and farmers, the adoption of a political program and the nomination of candidates for the presidency and the vice-presidency. It means a surrender to the middle-class political spokesmen in the old capitalist parties who are afraid to throw their lot in with the organized producers and still hope to make a compromising deal with the controlling forces in the Democratic and Republican parties, the big business and financial men.

The farmer-labor party that must come out of the St. Paul conference should have nothing to do with the political adventurers who hang around the fringes of the corrupt old parties. It should not make any compromises and deal with middle-class principles and desires, which would delay the development of a distinct class party for some time. The united farmer-labor party must come out with a definite class program, suitable and acceptable to the needs of the huge masses of exploited workers and farmers, not a shilly-shally platform of rehatched platitudes.

The detaching of the working masses from the ideology of the old parties is an achievement that would make the new party from the start. The adoption of a class program would insure its integrity and life. And the radical and revolutionary elements that are participating in the new party, and which are the driving force behind its development, will see to it that its class nature is maintained and emphasized.

There must not be any delays in the organization of the farmer-labor party. The farmer-labor party is the crystallization of the hopes of the oppressed workers and farmers. It is the beginning of the first mass attempt on the political field to better their conditions. While it is not a communist party, we, the organized communists of this country, support it and will continue to support it as a progressive step in line with our policies and tactics. An organized farmer-labor group in the legislature of this country will fight against the organization of military preparations which are going on full blast in the congress and the state legislatures. The young workers of this country who are the first victims of any imperialist, militarist venture are particularly interested in this phase of the policy of the farmer-labor party. This together with the opposition to child labor will be the particular youth aspects of the party. Besides this the young workers, as part of the great mass of the workers, have a vital interest in its formation.

Any attempt at the putting off of this imperative step can receive nothing but opposition from the labor and farmer forces which have been fighting for its accomplishment.

It is our fervent hope that the organized workers and farmers who stand for a genuine class party will so voice their opinions that Mr. Mahoney, who has been temporarily misled by capitalist politicians, will come to see the correctness of their stand.

The Bloody Toll of Capitalism

Forty workers were killed by an explosion in the Standard Oil Company's Corn Products Refining plant at Pekin, Ill. Nearly 275 miners barely escaped death from a burning mine near New Goshen, Indiana when a trolley wire was short circuited.

John Burt was found dead after six hours of fighting fire in a mine in which 20 miners were overcome in an attempt to rescue Burt.

In Johnston City, Ill., 32 workers' corpses lie in the morgue, dead from an explosion which took place in the mine. Six more are believed to have perished.

In Shanktown, Pa., 49 more lives of as many workers are given up to a mysterious gas explosion which occurred in the mine.

All these terrible incidents occurred in less than a month. All these disasters were preventable. Not one of these deaths was unavoidable. All that was necessary to prevent them was the ordinary mechanical safety devices and precautions which exist in almost every other country in the world. In Great Britain, where the miners have a strong union control over the industry, only one-third as many miners are killed each year as in the United States. Here, however, the infernal greed of the capitalist swine is so fierce that they fight furiously against the most elementary enforcement of adequate safety measures.

This complete disregard of the lives and health of the workers is another damning nail in the head of the capitalist system. A social system which is ruled with such a total disregard for the overwhelming mass of its people does not deserve to exist and cannot maintain itself for long in the face of the rising rebelliousness of those whom it crushes.

The British Labor Ministry

No sooner did Ramsay MacDonald kiss the hand of King George and declare his fealty to the British Empire, after having been called upon to form a cabinet at the fall of the Baldwin ministry, than he was faced with a critical test of his prime ministerial powers. The Labor Party premier finds himself with a huge railway strike on his hands. And it is typical of what the Labor Party cabinet will be in the future that it is not doing anything about the present strike in Great Britain.

MacDonald is setting up a commission or some sort of affair for the postponement of definite action, but he fears to take a determined stand. A stand against the strikers would immediately influence a large portion of labor support away from the Party; a stand against the railway lords would get him in bad with the Liberals, by whose votes he was put into office. What is the poor fellow to do?

Nothing better can be expected of the Labor Party regime in England. The ministry has done one good thing in recognizing Soviet Russia and appointing an ambassador. True enough. But at the same time, MacDonald is a strong advocate of the League of Nations, which is nothing but a mask for the imperialist designs of Great Britain, and a discussion house where the division of the international spoils between her and France takes place. The Labor Party cabinet is made up of the pinkies—and the yellowest—collection of "socialists" that ever ruled in the name of the workers. We have Lords and Admirals and Generals and Colonels and all sorts of respectable persons in it and there need be no fear on anyone's part that the Labor Party government will do anything radically different from those that have gone before it.

Nevertheless, the advent of the Labor Party to power is a step forward which American labor might well emulate. It gives the left wing forces within the British labor movement an opportunity to prove conclusively that the socialists have no real solution for the ills of the working class and that the only road towards emancipation lies thru a proletarian revolution by the working class itself. The communists are gaining in influence every day and the leaders are more and more obliged to turn their attentions to the "red menace" which will soon threaten seriously their power.

In the United States, there is not yet a labor party of national character that has anywhere near the strength of its British cousin. All the more reason for the workers of America forming one, which will thus give them a chance to express themselves definitely on the political field and once and forever divorce them from the similar chains of the Democratic and Republican parties. In such a Labor Party, which must be a united front organization of all producers' political and economic units in this country, it is the duty of the communists in the Workers Party and the Young Workers League to propagate continually for the revolutionary principles for which we stand and fight.

The labor party which will be formed in this country must not be permitted to degenerate into the conglomeration of liberals, labor bureaucrats, guild socialists, dillettantes and the general pot pourri which today composes the British Labor Party, and it is our duty to see that it doesn't.

"Without a quiver, a member of the capitalistic group will run tens of thousands of pitiful child laborers through his life-destroying cotton factories, and weep maudlin and constitutional tears over one scab hit in the back with a brick. He will drive a compulsory free contract with an unorganized laborer on the basis of a starvation wage, saying, 'Take it or leave it,' knowing that to leave it means to die of hunger and the next breath, when the organizer entices that laborer into a union, will stoop patriotically about the inalienable right of all men to work."

JUNIOR NEWS

The junior members of the Young Workers League are today conducting a campaign for the relief of the starving children in Germany. Each junior group should elect a committee of the children for this purpose. The children's relief committee can work out plans for the collecting of money at all workers' meetings, at parent's evening affairs, at dramatic performances, at special affairs arranged by the juniors, etc.

The junior groups should be represented in the local conferences of the Friends of Soviet Russia and Workers Germany so that they can work in close cooperation with and under the guidance of that body.

Fire Trap Schools.

The Daily Worker is conducting a campaign of exposing all the fire trap schools in Chicago. The juniors groups thruout the country should get into this campaign. This can be done very easily. See to it that all the public schools attended by the members of your junior group has at least one fire hazards in that particular school. Send in your reports to the National Junior Section. The exposure of the fire hazards and the general rotten conditions in the public schools of this land should be coupled with an expose of the nationalist and religious dope peddled by our capitalist institutions of learning.

Have You a Little Text Book in Your Home?

Junior leaders are requested to push the book collection drive being conducted by the Young Communist International. Surely the members of your group have some old school text books at home, such as histories and readers used by children between 10 and 14 years of age, which are not in use. Send them in at once to the National Junior Section.

The United Front of Parents and Offsprings.

The junior section is conducting a campaign to get the support of the parents for the junior groups. Each group has been requested to call a conference of the parents of the junior members. At these meetings, the children can arrange little programs, small plays, recitations, speeches by the Juniors, etc. The life and work of the children in the junior groups should be discussed at these meetings and acted upon in an advisory capacity by the parents. The conferences should not be coordinated on a city scale. They should not maintain dictatorial powers over the junior groups.

How Is the Fight in the School Being Conducted?

The outstanding feature of the junior groups is that they are real, live organizations of struggle. Every time that your junior group does something in the public schools, whether it is the questioning of the teachers, the individual agitation of the juniors, the investigation of rotten conditions, school nuclei activities, etc., it should be written down in detail and sent in to the national office. These incidents make live, snappy news for The Young Comrade.

Spanish Reaction Sentences 5 Leading Young Communists

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The Young Worker")

MADRID.—The trial of the five leading members of the executive committee of the Young Communist League of Spain, accused of sedition, has just ended here with their being sentenced to a year of hard labor. They had published a manifesto, in June 1922, against the imperialist adventure of Spain which had involved it in a war with Morocco. For this the five comrades were arrested and accused of a seditious act. The public prosecutor recommended a sentence of four years of hard labor. The counsel of the defendants, however, argued that the manifesto had not been addressed to the army and could not therefore be seditious. Seeing the logic of this argument, the council of war dropped this charge, but sentenced the five young communists to one year of hard labor on the charge of insulting the army, although this charge was not included by the prosecutor.

The removal of the comrades from active work in a serious blow to the movement in Spain, which is now undergoing fearsome persecution at the hands of the fascist government of Primo de Rivera.

Reactionaries Propose Aid to Boy Scouts in "Americanizing" Youth

LOS ANGELES.—Not satisfied with the regular work of the schools in Americanizing the youth of this city, 3,500 "representative" citizens of Los Angeles have organized for this purpose particularly, according to public announcement of the Thirty-five Hundred club. A fund of \$35,000 is to be raised by a membership fee of \$10 annually. Most of the fund is already raised, it is reported.

The club proposes to aid Boy Scout and kindred organizations. There is crying need for this, according to club spokesmen. It has been estimated that there are 68,000 boys in Los Angeles and the 3,500 representative citizens will reach all of them "either directly or indirectly" with an "understanding of American principles and ideals."

"PUCHINA"

is the name of a Russian drama in 4 acts by Ostrowsky, which will be presented by the Russian Workers and Peasants Theatre Sunday, Feb. 10th, at 7:30 P. M., at the Soviet School, 1902 W. Division St. Arranged by the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia.

IMPROPAGANDA

A policeman, married seventeen years to two women, is in jail.
A railroad man it was also revealed, having two wives for twenty four years is now dead.
—Two good arguments against dual unionism.

For Walt Carmon, Impropropagandist.—To Y. W. L. Branches. Try this at your branch meetings to the tune of the popular war-time song, "Homebound Bound." We are sure it will make good impropropaganda for the bosses:

Soviet-bound! Around the world that welcome sound
That will set the bosses quaking,
It is the sound of workers waking
It may seem far away
But we will live to see the day—
The day when work:—farmers in every land
Are the ones to issue every command!
We are Soviet-bound!
That's the slogan we'll rally around!

—I. D.

But, comrades, you can't be Soviet-bound without something to read on the way.—Did you send in your subscription to THE YOUNG WORKER?

Sure! We have often headed there!
Have you noticed that were the Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. H. A. only have Club-hours—the meeting places of the Y. W. L. are called Headquarters?

SMAXICO OF NEW YORK.

Oh! We are sure you are a dirt farmer!
"Coolidge Message Asks Aid for Farmer."—Headline.
What better aid for the farmer than Coolidge's message?
Isn't that what they use for the soil?
P. S.—If the above is not bull, excuse my ignorance, I am only

A DIRT FARMER.

A party pest
Is J. P. Grine
If there's a job
He'll sure decline.

Bourgeois Tragedies.

The great financier, ruddy faced and brave, shook with emotion, while his wife made no effort to stifle her sobs. Over in the corner Mary, a beautiful girl bit her lips with vexation. Little Johnnie, too young to realize the enormity of the misfortune befell her family was looking on in bewilderment that contrasted strangely with the abandonment of grief on the other faces. There were all the evidence of misery common to novels except one fainting away—and the maid was doing that in the kitchen.

The grandmother entered with the slow dignity of impeccable generations behind her. She stopped in consternation.

"What is the matter?"

With an effort her son mastered his vice. "We—we—somebody has lost a tile of the Mah Jong set!"

"My God!" said the grandmother, as she sank into a chair.

Ford sent a peace ship: it was a flivver. Ford campaigned against the Jews: it was a flivver. Ford tried for the presidency of the country: it was a flivver.

From the Chicago Daily News: "Rebel Cavalry are said to have cut General Ogregon's communications. Class, do you realize the seriousness of this news? A general with his communications cut is almost as badly off as a column conductor deprived of his mail."

Leaving the woes of the column conductor aside for the moment, think of what the consequences would be if the general's car had been cut off?

—Clipke Poor.

"The wave of immorality which is menacing the integrity even of our boys and girls of tender years has an origin that is easily traced. It dates from that time when the dark and sinister shadow of Darwinism first fell across the fair fields of human life. "Monkey men make monkey morals."—Dr. John Roach Strattan.

But why make monkeys of others Doc?—You prove Darwin was right by aping Bryan!

They say hootch is better tasting!
Commissioner Estill of the Salvation Army in New York, speaking on increase in popularity (?) of the bible says: "When you see a bulge on a man's hip do not jump to conclusions; it is as likely to be a bible as a flask."

What matters if one guesses wrong? Won't both of them equally muddle your brain?

THE MARXIAN.

Is it Impropropaganda?—Send it in!

A "Nice" Poem.

The boy stood on the steamship deck,
His name was in the peerage—
His swim simply was a wreck—
He just looked in the steege!

H. LANE.

Is belief in the Virgin birth necessary?—Literary Digest.
It might avoid scandals!

We Chicagoans are rather "touchy" about these things. And when we held our noses, maybe we were unjust in accusing the stork-wards' while reading about the Tea Pot Dome scandal.

For a long time we were in doubt as to our official capacity on peppy YOUNG WORKER. And now, thanks to I. D.—to whom we remain ever grateful—we can with all confidence sign
WALT CARMON, Impropropagandist.

Tra-la! Tra-la-la-la!

"How sweetly ineffable are the charms of music!" said Shakespeare or Irving Berlin—we don't remember which. We beg to add that music means nothing to us unless it is set to the right kind of words. And—we're coming to it—the right kind of words to the best kind of music can now be found in the song book which has just been issued by the Young Workers League of America.

These you have it! The secret is out. The book is called "The March of the Workers" and comes in two editions. The first edition contains both the words and the music and comes in a beautiful format, red cover, of course, and we sure are proud of it. \$1 a piece for this one, and 85 cents each in bundles of five or more. The second edition contains the words only and sells for two bits—25 cents—each and 18c each in bundles of 5 or more.

While we'll admit that you won't find "yes, We Have No Bananas" and "Sister, Ain't It Hot" in the music book, you will find all the old favorites and dozens of a'solutely new ones which we are presenting in this country for the first time. You know that sooner or later you're going to get a copy of the book, so why not get it now? Think of the gang of leaguers after meeting around the piano singing about longhaired preachers and pie in the sky; about the good Red Flag and the workers' songs from all over the world.

Shoot thru your orders "p'do" if you want to get yours, because the expense involved enabled us to print only small editions. Our address is: Young Workers League, 1009 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

In the Next Issue!

The next issue of The Young Worker will contain, besides numerous other features, the following:
A review of the international convention of the United Mir 2 Workers of America by a delegate to the convention who is also a member of the Young Workers League.

An inside account of the Mexican revolution and civil war by a prominent member of the Young Communist League of Mexico.

A special story on the Teapot Dome Oil scandal, which has now involved numerous high government officials in charge of craft and corruption, written by our Washington correspondent.

An amazing exposure of the use of the United States army, the national guard and state militia for breaking strikes of workmen, by Max Shachtman.

These are only a few of the outstanding features of the next issue. You can't afford to miss it—or any of the issues that follow. Take a bundle order of The Young Worker, (3 cents a copy in bundles of 5 or more), or subscribe at \$1 a year.

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