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PARLEY PROVES PRODUCES MUNITIONS

Wall Street As
Geneva

The annual in war materials has been estimated at \$50,000,000 according to reports from the arms parley which opened in Geneva, May 4th. The world's biggest munition makers are America, England, France, Germany and Japan. The United States is far ahead of the others in the production of war materials, and has for some time been leading the world in this field.

Wall Street Dominates Conference.
Although this meeting is referred to as a disarmament conference in the capitalist press, the parley is referred to in Geneva and diplomatic circles as: "The League of Nations' conference to seek control of the international traffic in weapons of war." The U. S. diplomats are bringing all possible pressure to bear to see that the biggest part of this control is in Wall Street hands. With the present international situation and with France coming more and more under Washington rule.

U. S. Imperialist Policy Involved.
Besides the important problem of the regulation of private manufacture of war materials, the convention to be drawn up will greatly effect the imperialist policy of the United States, especially in South America.

The U. S. policy of supplying arms to Latin-American countries in its effort to strengthen the hold of American capital there, will be a sore point in the discussion. Also the practice of American imperialists in furnishing war materials to "revolutionary" countries will be attacked in a convention which has been prepared, under which war materials can only be sold to governments recognized officially by the government making the sales.

Wall Street Representatives Stubborn.
Theodore Burton of Ohio who heads the American delegation to the conference will put up a stiff fight for the imperialists. The U. S. munition makers have been making great strides forward recently toward world monopoly, and they will only use this conference to further their ambitions. It has definitely been stated already by delegates that the United States Constitution would not allow too much control of the private manufacture of armaments. Also it is understood in Geneva that there is no chance of forcing a change in policy as regards South America and other countries which America is encouraging to fight for its own profits.

Carlo Tresca to Be Freed This Week After 4 Months in Jail

NEW YORK, May 4.—Carlo Tresca, editor of an Italian radical weekly, will be released from Atlanta penitentiary May 6 on completion of the 4-month term to which his one-year sentence had been commuted by President Coolidge.

Tresca was convicted on a federal statute on a charge of publishing a small birth control pamphlet advertisement in his paper. The statute had never previously been enforced in such a case but light was shed on the reasons for the prosecution when the U. S. district attorney's office said the original complaint was made by Mussolini's ambassador, Gaetani.

Metal Lockout in Berlin Involves 250,000 Men

(Special to Young Worker)
BERLIN, Germany.—The metal employers in Berlin have decided to lock out 250,000 metal workers rather than give the coppersmiths on strike the increase in wages that they are demanding.

Get a sub for the YOUNG WORKER from your shopmate and you will make another member for your branch.

JOHN REED JUNIOR GROUP PLANS BIG NIGHT ON MAY 23

Tell it to the kids! No, it ain't about a circus, but the surprise affair that is being arranged by the John Reed Junior Group. They promise an interesting evening on Sat., May 23, at the Workers' Home, 1902 W. Division St. They won't tell what they are going to pull off, but they assure that it will be a real surprise, dance, and a good time in general. So don't forget, tell it to the kids!

Imperialists Unite to Crush Rifians

(Special to Young Worker)
The French imperialists have united with Spain in an effort to crush the Rifians, who came out victorious in the fight against the Spanish imperialists recently. All the imperialist robbers with interests in Morocco have forgotten their disagreements over this territory for a time in order to try and exterminate Abdel Krim and his army of Rifians.

Only Italy Objects
Only Italy has protested against the attack, on the grounds that she must not be left out in dividing up the spoils. In order to make sure of getting her share, Mussolini has addressed a sharp note to France, showing that Italy objects unless she is allowed to participate in the slaughter. Rumors are thick that the British imperialists are taking the same position.

Planes Bomb Natives
There are reported to be 12,000 French troops against 4,000 Rifians under the leadership of Abdel Krim. The French are heavily bombing the Rifians and are burning villages. Despite shortage of food and the superior French forces, the Rifians have succeeded in capturing a French outpost. The outpost captured was well within the French zone in Morocco and Marshall Lyantey, governor of the territory, has gone to the front.

Arrest Y.W.L. Members When They Distribute Leaflets in New York

Two members of the Young Workers' League in New York City were arrested on May day for distributing a special leaflet outside of the city high schools. Also many comrades helped distribute this leaflet throughout the city, only two were arrested.

Addressed to Students.
The leaflet which the comrades were distributing when arrested, was addressed to students and was distributed at high schools and colleges throughout the city. It pointed out certain problems which face the young workers in the New York schools and called upon the students to unite with the workers in the fight against capitalism and against the capitalist education in all its institutions.

Authorities Frightened.
The authorities were frightened, especially by that part of the leaflet which called upon the students to fight against religious training in the schools, against military training and for better conditions for the working class youth in the schools.

On what charges the authorities are holding the two comrades arrested is still a mystery, but it is expected that they will be able to dig up some code in their capitalist law to cover the distribution of leaflets at schools. The comrades arrested were Comrades Brand and Miller.

65,000 More Locked Out in Denmark to Force Lower Wages

Additional lockouts in Denmark involving 65,000 employes have been declared, bringing the total thus affected to 125,000, with further lockouts imminent. Public authorities are making every effort toward settlement of the present disputes, but no tangible result has yet been reported. With the present declining price levels employes are disinclined to meet the demands of labor for increased wages.

Gary Tightens Grip on Another University

The steel trust will increase its control of another American university, when Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation finances the construction of the Gary law library upon the McKinlock Memorial campus of the university near downtown Chicago.

Gary's donations to "good capitalist institutions" have aggregated many millions of dollars. It is very fitting that this infamous exploiter of labor should be willing to donate to the Northwestern law library, since this will aid the Northwestern law school in teaching the youth that kind of capitalist law which makes it possible to throw the workers in jails and keep the bosses in the saddle.

1,725,366 Work on Railroads.
WASHINGTON, May 4.—The railroads had 1,725,366 persons on their payrolls in February, the total compensation amounting to \$23,871,952, according to figures made public today by the interstate commerce commission.

Talk it up—your shopmate will subscribe!

THE WARNING OF THE PACIFIC MANEUVERS



AFRICA CAN'T BE FREE UNDER IMPERIALISM!

Negroes Must Fight Imperialism at Home

By H. V. PHILLIPS.

At a meeting of the U. N. I. A. (Universal Negro Improvement Association) in Detroit last week, I heard about fifty of the younger members sing: "Africa Shall Be Free!" And how they did sing it. With hope shining in their eyes, they sang. Will all the patriotic fervor of a group of boy scouts singing "America," they sang.

Something Is Lacking.
But it lacked something. I tried to think what it was that was missing and decided it was possibly because I did not know the song that I felt something missing, and I left to attend a Young Workers' League meeting with the song ringing in my ears. As I walked into the Y. W. L. hall the "International" fell upon my ears. Unconsciously I joined in the singing. Then I found that something that was missing in the song at the U. N. I. A. hall. It was determination, the determination of international solidarity of a working class.

"Africa Shall Be Free," but who will free it? Will it be freed by the new united front of French and Spanish imperialists against the Rif people? Will it be freed by a change in heart on the part of the British empire towards Egypt or South Africa, or will it be freed by appealing to Dawes and Morgan? Nothing can be hoped for from any of these capitalist governments or from their agents. The workers who live under these governments are convinced that no freedom can be expected as long as the people who produce everything get little or no share of their products.

Fight With Young Workers' League.
The Young Workers' League of America is a militant organization of militant young workers of the United States who are fighting for the freedom of the workers of the world. They realize that as long as capitalism reigns, the workers of America, of Germany, of Africa, or any other capitalist country will never be free.

Under the black capitalist government of Liberia the workers are practically slaves, the same as are the white workers under the American or German governments. The only salvation for the workers is based upon the complete overthrow of capitalism, whether white or black, and the setting up of a workers' and peasants' government.

Therefore, the workers of all races must present a united front against all parasites and fake leaders who are tools of the capitalists whether black or white. The Y. W. L. is the leader of the American youth in this fight. Under its lead the youth of all races will fight for the freedom of young workers whether in Europe, Asia, America or Africa.

Soviet Envoy Received by Japan.
TOKIO, Japan, May 5.—Victor Kopp, first Soviet Russian ambassador to Japan, has presented his credentials to the prince regent.

C. M. T. C. Making Sure There Will Be Plenty of Workers at Camps

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Military Training Camps Association is busy in Chicago lining up the employers so as to be sure that there will be a large attendance of young workers at Camp Custer this summer. All Chicago bosses have been asked to file applications before May 15 for the young workers from their factories whom they recommend for the Citizen's Military Training Camp.

Provisions for handling many thousands of additional young workers in the forty training camps thruout the country have been made by congress, and the industrial recruiting scheme mapped-out by the bosses' organizations has had such success that most of the places have been filled already. The employers are informed by the M. T. C. A. of how many benefits they will get by sending the young workers to the camps. The Association tells about the good scab education that has been mapped out for these young workers as well as the military training.

WAR MANEUVERS ARE BOOST FOR A BIGGER NAVY

Press Yells About Weak Defenses

By JACK RICHARDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Wilbur and everyone here seems tickled at the outcome of the Pacific maneuvers in Hawaiian waters which resulted in a victory for the "blue" or invading forces, which were supposed to represent Japan.

The real results of the maneuvers as far as preparing for the next war, are being realized at the secret sessions of some 800 officers in Honolulu. But regardless of what is decided at this conference, the war department is making elaborate plans to organize plenty of publicity about our "weak defense" so as to cause the next congress to make bigger appropriations for the navy at its next session.

The Japanese conservative press, which is the mouthpiece of the Japanese imperialists whose interests conflict with American imperialism in the fight for robbery of China, sees a menace to their aims in the Pacific in the maneuvers of the American fleets in Hawaii.

The Chugai Shogyo, the paper of Japanese big business declares, "The American naval maneuver plan is boldly provocative against Japan. The fleet will visit Australia for the secret purpose of conducting further maneuvers in conjunction with the Australian fleet. The visit of the American fleet to the Australian fleet is a great menace to this nation."

"As a result of the maneuvers, further fortifications of Hawaii are to be recommended to congress, American dispatches state. America seems to intend to disturb the peace of the Pacific by strengthening her forts."

The Tokio Kokumin and other papers representing Japanese business interests take the same view, declaring that the Hawaiian maneuvers are a sign of "the ill-will of the American government toward Japan."

"SHORTER DAY," LOWER PAY AT PHILIPSBORN'S

Also Plenty of "Vacations" Without Pay

A Philipsborn Worker.

Under the pretense of shorter hours, the Philipsborn's bosses are forcing lower wages on the workers here. Not satisfied with reducing our wages thru docking us for 1 1/2 hours, the company is continuing to old stuff of laying off the girls for a day, two days, or maybe more, without any pay, just as they did after Christmas. Also we have to work all day Saturday for NOTHING, that is for the same pay which we used to receive when we only worked until noon.

No More Half Days on Saturday.
Besides cutting the wages of the young workers by reducing the hours, the bosses use the 9:00 to 4:30 day as an excuse for disregarding the old method of paying for a full day on Saturday when the young workers only work a half day. Now the young workers have to stay until 4:30 on Saturday in many departments whether there is work or not.

Although the bosses made huge profits during the Christmas rush and continue to make more money every day, they never think of cutting our hours of work without at the same time reducing our pay.

Must Fight With Nudges.
When those young workers who wished to improve their conditions first organized into the Young Workers League nucleus at Philipsborn's, conditions were much the same as they are today. The reason conditions always remain the same is because the young Philipsborn workers do not organize to protect their interests and to fight for better conditions. In bulletins issued by the Philipsborn's nucleus of the Young Workers League, these young workers pointed out that the boss was always trying to force our wages down so that he could increase his profits. We also pointed out that the only way the young workers could fight against worse conditions was by organizing.

6-Hour Day, 5-Day Week.
In face of the attempts to cut our wages on the part of the bosses, the young Philipsborn worker must join with the Philipsborn's nucleus of the Young Workers League in putting up a stronger and more united fight for our demands. Especially in view of work being slack at present, we must intensify our fight for a six-hour day and five-day week, with a weekly minimum wage based upon the cost of living, instead of shorter work day with reductions in wages.

Of course, when work is slack the bosses never think of cutting our hours of work and at the same time giving us a living wage, but instead, they always cut our wages making us work as many hours as they can. But if we think about it ourselves and organize to get these better conditions, we can see that we get shorter hours with an increase instead of a decrease in wages. Don't be a slave for the boss, and let him cut your wages, or kick you around whenever he wants to, but stick up for yourself and join the Young Workers League.

Get a sub—make another Communist!

U. S. Soldiers Are Illegally Held in Jail by Government

HONOLULU, Hawaii, May 4.—The sentences of 40 and 28 years in prison at hard labor imposed on privates Paul Crouch and Walter Trumbull for being members of the Hawaiian Communist League are illegal, even if the testimony of the army stool pigeon Eugene Fisher, were credited.

Fisher was told by the army intelligence department at Schofield barracks to go as far as he liked, and employ any means he desired to "get something" on the Communist soldiers stationed at the barracks near here.

Fisher was the only witness to give "evidence" against the soldiers at their court martial, and his testimony was so childish that any intelligent person could see at once that the "evidence" was an obvious false concoction.

"According to the 42nd article of war, no soldier can be sent to a federal-civil prison by a court martial (except in a few specified cases) unless the crime is punishable by imprisonment for one year or more by civil law thruout the continental United States," says Paul Crouch, writing from the 27th infantry guardhouse.

"And according to accepted military law, no one is subject to state or territorial law for his conduct on a military reservation, especially in so far as political matters are concerned. Politically speaking, the military reservation is not a part of the territory, and even if the Hawaiian Communist League had been a secret organization, (which it was not) there would have been no violation of section 4214, revised laws of Hawaii, as all acts of the league mentioned in the court martial were on the U. S. military reservation."

The trumped up charges of the spy Fisher would not stand the test of even the perverted civil courts of the bosses in the United States.

"President A Disgrace."

Three charges were placed against Walter Trumbull, and the charges against Crouch were practically identical.

The first charge, read before the court martial, was that Trumbull, "did orally and publicly use the following disrespectful words against the president of the United States, to wit: 'The president may be all right as an individual, but as an institution he is a disgrace to the whole god damned country.'" Fisher misquoted Trumbull, the latter charges.

The second charge against Trumbull was divided into three parts. It is charged that Trumbull was a member of the Hawaiian Communist League, a secret organization having as its object revolutionary Communism, and did persuade Corporal Eugene Fisher (the stool pigeon), to become a member of said secret organization. (Continued on page 2)

Chicago Comrades Hold Last Indoor Dance May 9

The last dance to be held indoors will be the Young Spring once given by the Young Workers League on May 9th at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., the place of many enthusiastic League gatherings and affairs.

The famous I. Letchinger's Mid-West Syncoptators have been secured by the Social Committee to play for the affair. On the retinue of music, they will have a variety of dances, from the Russian "Trepak," to the Turkey in the Straw, in which the League members and all young workers there will participate with the same enthusiasm and energy as they do in the sale of the Young Workers and distribution of leaflets at factory doors during the week and in carrying on their agitation in the shops.

Besides the dancing there will be a very short program, with a few selections from the League Orchestra and a few individual ballet dances as well as a short talk on the League by one of our speakers.

The Social Committee is meeting regularly and promises everybody a lively time.

HOLD PUBLIC FULL N. E. C. SESSION.

A full session of the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, to hear the reports of the delegates to the Sessions of the Enlarged Executive Committees of the Communist International and the Young Communist International and to lay out the plans of work for the American league up until the coming national convention.

The sessions of the N. E. C., it has been announced, will be open to all League and Party members, and the place and time of the two days sessions will be announced in an early issue of the DAILY WORKER. Out-of-town comrades are especially invited.

The sessions will also be occupied with reports on the work of the League in the past few months, as well as special reports on Negro work, press, and Leninist education.

Y. C. I. BUREAU SESSION ENDED; DELEGATE BACK

Complete Confidence Is Given to N. E. C.

(Special to Young Worker)
MOSCOW.—The Fifth Enlarged Executive Session of the Young Communist International ended here today with the closing speech of Comrade Vuyovich, secretary of the International, who reviewed the work of the session in the famous Red Hall of the Comintern building.

Bolshevization Main Point.

The session, which lasted for practically a week, followed closely upon the heels of the sessions of the Communist International, and were taken up mostly with the question of the Bolshevization of the leagues in the International and Leninist education. Comrade Vuyovich made the report on the Bolshevization of the leagues in connection with the theses on Bolshevization that had been adopted by the Comintern session. An interesting debate which followed and was participated in by delegates from Germany, France, America, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Bulgaria and other countries, resulted in the adoption of a thesis on the detailed and practical work of Bolshevizing the leagues.

The report on Leninist education delivered by Comrade Petrovsky, with a supplementary report by Comrade Bucharin, showed the necessity for all the leagues to concentrate on the building of Leninist leadership and establishing a broad foundation of Leninist education among the membership and the local functionaries.

The only other report given was that of Comrade Eschaplain on the work of the Russian Leninist Young Communist League and the conditions of the young workers in Russia.

League Majority Upheld.

Besides this many decisions were reached by the plenum on the next tasks of the leagues on the basis of reorganization, economic trade union work, anti-militarism, rural work, sports, children's work and so forth. The American league problems were taken up in a special commission and a decision arrived at which placed itself on the basis of the decision of the Comintern on the Workers Party, and which repudiated the accusations of the minority within the league and upheld the national executive committee.

John Williamson, national sec'y. of the Young Workers' League and member of the executive committee of the Y. C. I., together with Max Shachtman, delegate to the Fifth Bureau Session of the Y. C. I. from the Y. W. L. of A., have just arrived in Chicago.

The Young Worker, in a coming issue, will contain a full report of the sessions of the Communist International as well as of the Young Communist International. The resolution of the Y. C. I. on the American league will also appear in these columns in a short time.

Bosses Have Scheme to Give Youngest Kids Military Training Camps

Major General Harry C. Hale, commander of the 6th corps area, who is busy getting recruits for the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Battle Creek this summer, lets everyone know that the bosses won't be satisfied with merely training the young workers from 17 to 24 years of age. A real effort will also be made to get as many boys from 12 to 16 years of age as possible under military influence for the summer at Camp Roosevelt, where they will be given military, "educational" and athletic training.

"Religious Services Should Be Compulsory and Soldiers Shouldn't Swear," Says Chaplain

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—No recruit will have a chance to escape the religious bunkum handed out by the army chaplains at the Citizens' Military Training Camps, according to plans worked out by army officials at Governors Island recently.

Every Citizens' Military Training Camp in the second corps area has been instructed under date of April 27, by Major General Charles P. Summerall, that each recruit must attend religious services unless he can present a written request from his parent or guardian that he be excused.

Over fifty army chaplains gathered together at Governors Island to map out plans for these compulsory services. As was reported in the Young Worker last year, much attention is given to religion and "education" at the Citizens' Military Training Camps. Every Sunday morning they get all the students together in the big tent for the general service, where they sing: "Onward Christian Soldiers," and where the chaplain gets up and tells them what a strong supporter of national defense Jesus Christ would be if he were alive today.

Here is what the general said about compulsory services and the work of the chaplains at the meeting (our emphasis, Editor): "You have a tremendous POWER in your hands for reach-

ing the people. . . I want you to take this occasion . . . not only to combat adverse thought but to enlighten those with whom you come in contact as to their OBLIGATIONS." That is, convince the young workers who attend the camps as to their obligation to serve the bosses and their government as cannon-fodder.

Show Red Soldiers Are Illegally Held in Military Prison

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to the prejudice of good order and military discipline." The evidence presented by Trumbull at the trial showed conclusively that the Hawaiian Communist League was not a secret organization, that the letters were sent to newspapers with the letterheads of the league naming its purposes and officers, and that the stationery was printed in the government's printing office.

It was further shown that Fisher was not admitted to the Communist League, also he asked to be taken in. Fisher was unable to show evidence that he belonged to the Communist League.

Freely Admits Communism.

The next charge was that Trumbull wrote a letter to the Communist International asking that the Hawaiian Communist League be admitted to that organization.

This letter was freely admitted, and Trumbull reiterated his Communist principles. But no article of war was violated by the expression of Communist ideals. Even in the charge, which at every other point had cited articles of war which were alleged to have been violated, nothing was said about a violation of any specific article of war. The charges simply stated that the letter was written, "to the prejudice and good order of military discipline."

Court "Deliberated" Ten Minutes.

The force of the entire court martial proceedings was exposed when the "court," after a recess of less than ten minutes, found Trumbull guilty of every charge, and sentenced him to 26 years at hard labor and "dishonorable" discharge from the United States army.

It was obvious that the evidence presented could not have been given the slightest consideration by the court in the ten minutes of its "deliberations."

In violation of the military law, Trumbull was sentenced to be taken to a civil federal prison after his case has been reviewed by the department headquarters. Both Crouch and Trumbull have been sentenced on "charges" and "evidence," that will not hold water in a civil court.

Workers' Aid Reports on Condition of Miners in Southern Illinois

The International Workers' Aid Relief committee at West Frankfort, Illinois; that was set up to assist working class victims of the tornado that swept thru southern Illinois a month ago makes an interesting report. The committee states that the victims of the storm are getting fairly good attention from various relief agencies, at least they are being fed and clothed after a fashion; but that miners and their families not affected by the storm but who have suffered unemployment, some of them for over a year, are undergoing the worst kind of poverty and travail.

Company food stores have stopped credit and the business of getting something to eat constitutes a real problem for hundreds of families of unemployed miners in southern Illinois. These miners look upon the storm victims with envy. They, at least, are getting something to eat and a few occasional new clothes to wear; but there is no relief for the unemployed miners, the red cross and the salvation army with some three millions of dollars to spend have no ear for the appeals of miners' families who, tho not affected by the storm are nevertheless on the verge of starvation.

Nor does the officialdom of the miners' union seem to worry about the direful conditions in the coal fields that are not working. There are millions of dollars in the U. M. W. of A. treasury and much money was raised by the union thru the check-off system for storm relief—yet there is no relief from this source either for families of unemployed miners. There is much bitter resentment among the miners that the mine union officials draw large salaries and padded expense accounts, but pay no attention to the acute economic conditions among unemployed miners.

The local I. W. A. committee reports further that the contributions that are being contributed thru International Workers' Aid for storm relief would be much better spent aiding the suffering miners in the area not affected by the storm.

The policy of the International Workers' Aid, according to its national secretary, George Maurer, is to bring relief to working class victims of capitalism where it is most needed. The I. W. A. therefore, its secretary said, has, following the advice of its West Frankfort committee, undertaken to solicit funds for the relief of all suffering workers in and out of the storm area in southern Illinois.

The West Frankfort committee writes that more than anything else, staple food commodities are needed. It suggests that a car load of flour, lard, bacon and beans be shipped for

the starving miners of southern Illinois. The International Workers' Aid is collecting funds toward this end. Send all contributions and make all checks payable to George Maurer, secretary of the International Workers' Aid, 19 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill.

Race Prejudices in N. Y. High Schools

NEW YORK CITY.—In the annual elections held at the Newton High School of Queens, for President of the student body, Arthur Waller, one of thirteen Negroes in the school, was elected in spite of the opposition of two strong groups in the school who opposed his election because he was a Negro. Waller had been nominated by the regular nomination committee, whose recommendations were generally accepted by a unanimous vote.

Electioneering grew so heated that several fist fights resulted and the principal of the school announced that unless order was restored he would call out the police. It can be easily inferred from the above that the capitalists are busy spreading the misleading doctrines of race inferiority to such an extent that a Negro boy, who has attained high honors in his studies, is fought on the grounds that he is inferior to a white boy, whose only qualification may be that he is captain of the football team.

The Young Workers League and the Workers Party are engaged at the present time in a campaign to eliminate racial prejudices among the workers and to bring about a united front of all workers and students, regardless of race, color or creed.

The Youth Ball in New York May 23

On May 23, the Young Workers Ball of the Youth at 105 Eldridge St. League of New will hold a Spring Ball. An unusual number of features have been arranged to make this Ball interesting and attractive. Besides the drawing of the winner of the set of books, "HISTORY OF THE PROLETARIAN FAMILY ACROSS THE AGES," by Eugene Sue, there will be presentations of a number of selections by the Dramatic Section of the Young Workers' League; there will be a living newspaper, and also additional exhibition of a few important posters and wall newspapers recently received from Russia. Comrades and sympathizers are asked to keep this date open. No tickets will be printed. Admission 50 cents at the door.

Bath Beach Y. W. L. Will Celebrate Anniversary

Saturday, May 16, marks the first anniversary of the Bath Beach Branch of the Young Workers League, District No. 2. Our Anniversary Jubilee will be held at the Buena Vista Hall, Croysey and 20th Aves., Brooklyn, on Saturday, May 16, at 8 p. m. A splendid musical program will be rendered by Feldman's Union Band. There will also be a two-act play arranged by the Junior Section, entitled SCHOOL LIFE, as well as a number of tableaux. The dramatic section of the Young Workers League will entertain with several recitations and songs, as well as with a one-act play. Admission 50 cents.

First N. Y. League Hike a Big Success

The first League Hike held by the Young Workers League of New York was a huge success. Over 600 comrades and sympathizers (exactly 623) came along and passed a fine Sunday in a revolutionary manner. This being the first hike, there naturally was a little confusion at the beginning. Some of the comrades wandered off the right road and had to be led back. However, the place of rest was finally reached, and the comrades were able to rest up after the walk.

After lunch and rest, the comrades had about an hour in which to do anything they pleased. Some rested, others played various games. An interesting feature was a boxing contest between Jack Rubenstein and Joe Fox. Altho neither of them is a Dempsey, the fight became so hot, that they had to be asked to cool off a bit. The comrades were then gathered together for the main educational event of the hike. AN EXHIBITION OF WALL NEWSPAPERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

These wall papers were part of the International Literature Exhibition, which is being arranged by the Young Workers League of New York and which will be held some time in September. These wall newspapers are becoming very popular in Russia, France, Germany, and every country where the Communist movement is becoming strong. The wall papers are issued by the nuclei of the Young Communist Leagues and are pasted on the walls of the shops and the meeting places. They are entirely hand made, and made up by the members themselves. Some of the wall papers were artistically made, having cartoons, portraits and pictures, all hand made. The wall papers were practically everywhere. The comrades were very enthusiastic and are determined to issue a number of wall newspapers in this city.

The District Executive Committee contemplates having more League hikes in the future and promises better and bigger and more enjoyable ones.

Our League at Work

Detroit Challenges Other Leagues in Negro Campaign

By H. V. PHILLIPS. Comrades, the fight is on. The Y. W. L. of Detroit says so. "We are going after every young Negro worker in this city, and when we go, we get," said Comrade Ruth Reynolds. Cleveland and Toledo will have to keep on the jump for Detroit is seeing red. "We have the hardest fighting bunch in the country, and Chicago must look to its laurels," said Comrade Carl Weisburg of Cleveland. Toledo is getting its wind and Comrade Agnes True is in the fight to stay. So you see, comrades, the fight is on. Every branch and nucleus in the country is determined that every working class youth must be gotten into the Y. W. L. Comrade Weisburg is starting street meetings in Negro neighborhoods. Comrade Reynolds is going to the mills and shops. No working class youth, white or black, will be overlooked.

Now what of the Negro youth? Can his new race consciousness be turned into class consciousness? Can he be made to see that his interest is with the workers of other races, that there are two kinds of white people? Capitalists his enemy, and workers his friend? Comrade Reynolds says YES; Comrade Weisburg says YES; If we approach him on a common ground; the conditions in the shop, better wages, shorter hours, etc.

The Y. W. L. is not an altruistic organization. It is not an uplift affair; nor is it a social club. It is not agitating among the Negro youth because it is sorry for him. It is not trying to "uplift" him. It is not trying to teach him the latest steps in Charleston. It is agitating because it is an organization of militant workers. The Y. W. L. needs the Negro workers. The Negro workers need the Y. W. L. It is only through class solidarity that the workers, black and white, can shake the oppressors, the parasites, and the ruling class off their backs.

The shop nucleus is the first step towards building a mass movement. Young workers can be reached in the shops through the nucleus when all other means fail. Every worker's interest is on bettering his working conditions. Agitation must be carried along this line. Socials and dances sometimes attract, but do not hold the workers. Few Negro workers are interested in social affairs. It is food, clothing and shelter that they are interested in.

So let's all pull together for the shop nuclei; for a mass movement of workers of all races. Will Chicago keep her place as leader? Will Cleveland beat Detroit? What will Toledo do? Young Negroes, the Y. W. L. invites you, and insists upon your joining hands with it for the liberation of the working class youth of America.

Special Child Labor Resolution Is Passed by Millinery Local

NEW YORK CITY.—Comrade Eva Shafron, a member of the Young Workers League of New York, has been successful in having a special child labor resolution passed by her local of the United Cap Makers' and Millinery Workers' Union, Local 23. This resolution against child labor also called for the organization of the youth into the unions without discrimination. The resolution was adopted almost unanimously by Comrade Shafron's local, only two members opposing it. She was also instructed to introduce the resolution at the 15th bi-annual convention of the union, to which she is a delegate. Other resolutions dealing with the problems of the young workers will be presented by Comrade Shafron.

N. Y. League Holds First Shop Nuclei Conference

The New York Young Workers League held the first District conference of shop nuclei on Saturday, April 25th at the headquarters of the Young Workers League, 108 E 14th Street. There were in all present about 40 members of the Young Workers League, six representing their shop nuclei, about a dozen others either members of one of the six shop nuclei or of large factories and the rest comrades who take an active part in the shop nucleus work.

The conference was opened by Comrade Jack Stachel, District Organizer, who explained that this is the first of regular conferences that will be held at least once a month of all the existing nuclei together with representatives from the large factories where our comrades are employed, for the purpose of listening to reports of the activities of the comrades in the shops as to the functioning of their nuclei, and a discussion of these reports and suggestions so that the entire League should profit by the experience that our comrades who are members of shop nuclei have gained.

After a short report by Comrade Stachel as to the accomplishments, and difficulties of our shop nucleus work, the necessity of immediate reorganization of the entire League, the representatives of the shop nuclei gave reports of their activities and the problems that they are faced with in the shops and particularly as to the organization of their nuclei. In almost every case it was found that the nucleus was organized on some such issue as the firing of a comrade, the reduction of wages, the increase of the hours of employment, etc. An outline for the activity of every shop nucleus was then proposed, discussed and adopted. The discussion also included the relation to the Party nuclei and shop committees.

Chicago Organizes Youth Fractions in Needle Trades

Three Young Communist fractions have been organized in locals of the needle trades in Chicago, and the comrades are now prepared to carry on co-ordinated activities in their unions. Specific demands have been drawn up for the industry at a joint meeting of the captains of all the fractions, and after discussing these demands at the meetings of the fractions they were accepted and the comrades have prepared to carry on an organized fight on these issues in their locals. In the Amalgamated Clothing Workers the fractions will put up a fight for the organization of the floor boys and girls who are not allowed to belong to the union. They will also fight for a shorter work day and longer summer vacation for all young workers under 21, a very important demand in view of the large amount of unemployment in the industry. In the International Ladies' Garment Workers local where a fraction has been organized, the fraction will concentrate on the fight for the organization of the unorganized young workers, as there are very many non-union shops in Chicago which employ mostly young girls. They will also conduct a fight on many other issues vital to the interests of the young workers in the industry.

Syrians Fight French Troops LONDON, Eng., May 4.—Thirty-nine persons were killed when the French troops and Syrians clashed at Ailat, near Homs, French Syria. The Syrians were revolting against the oppressive domination of the foreign troops.

'Living Newspaper' Will Make Appearance in N. Y. Sun., May 10, 2 P. M.

Sunday, May 10, 2 o'clock, at 105 Eldridge St., there will be presented the first "Living Newspaper," arranged by the Young Workers League under the direction of the District Jewish Propaganda Committee. The following articles will be a part of the first issue: From the Fourth and Fifth Congresses of the Comintern to the Enlarged Executive of the Communist International, "Reporter," S. Don. The International Political Situation by B. Rubin. Imperialism by S. Milogrom. Zionism and the Working Class Movement by H. Mottel. Industrial Work by J. Rubin. Shop Nuclei by Jack Stachel, District Organizer of the Young Workers League. There will also be a humorous section in the "Living Newspaper." The District Propaganda Committee has decided to make the "Living Newspapers" a part of the regular activities of the Young Workers League. All members of the Young Workers League and sympathizers are invited to be at the hall, 105 Eldridge Street, 2 p. m., on Sunday, May 10.

League Member on Trial for Religious Activities

A member of the Young Workers League participated in the religious ceremonies of last Easter. The comrades of his branch are bringing him to trial for an act not worthy of a Communist. The accused will be tried before an open court, the judge and jury of which will be the audience. All young workers are invited to come to this trial which will be held on Friday, May 8, at the Workers Hall, 1347 Boston Road, Bronx, N. Y. Board of Education, and representing the Borough of Brooklyn, yesterday sent a letter to Superintendent of Schools William J. O'Shea urging an immediate investigation of a recent meeting of the so-called Young Workers League at which children of the public schools who were used as speakers were reported to have given voice to seditious utterances." So runs the report in the New York Evening World. It is very evident that the capitalist lackeys who control the educational system in New York are panic-stricken at the resistance that the Young Workers League is developing among the students and workers towards the introduction of religious training into the public schools. Only the other day, Comrade Kushinsky, who was the chairman at the Brooklyn Anti-Religious meeting, was called down to the principal of the High School which he attends and warned to discontinue his activities, or he would not be permitted to graduate. Thus, having failed to break the influence of the Young Workers League, the authorities are trying to curtail its activities by terrorizing the members who carry on active work. So far, the press campaign against the Young Workers League in New York has been a complete failure. It has only served to show all young workers that there is but one organization which fights for its interests, and that is the Young Workers League. It has served to strengthen the League, to popularize it among the masses of the workers and to make it more determined to fight against capitalism and all its tools.



Young Workers' Correspondence

Young Worker Describes Sweat Shop Conditions in a City Laundry

Having the curiosity for seeing where the dirty work of the world is being done, I managed to make a tour of inspection of one of the greatest sweatshops in industry, a city laundry.

The first room I entered was where the dirty laundry comes in. The bundles are here torn open and the articles to be washed are marked.

The clothes are then placed on a long, rapidly moving belt, by tired workers who must keep up with the machine. Young hands are theirs; the handling of books, paper and pencils in the schoolroom would be more beneficial to them and surely more to their liking. But no, they must quickly get the clothes sorted, a shirt here, collars there, socks every where, hurry they must, for the boss insists on speed and efficiency, without regards the effect upon his slaves, and his paid lackey, the foreman carries out his instructions enthusiastically. The moving table seems to be saying, "speed," "speed," and speed they must, or the clothes will pile up and then the "100 per cent" foreman will call out, "Hurry up there, you Hunkie."

I saw a young boy trying to relax from this tedious work not for five minutes, but for a few seconds, but no, here comes more work. I am sure he is silently cursing the boss not because he understands the reason for his miserable plight, but out of sheer rebellion against it. Some day he may wake up to understand the reasons behind this cruel exploitation under which he exists, and will quit cussing, but will do something far more dangerous.

After the clothes are sorted they are ready for the rapid revolving washing machine. There are at least one hundred of these machines spouting steam into one large room. The steam escapes from all the machines makes

the room look like as if a huge cloud had just come in thru the door. As the breeze blew the steam aside, I could then see what was taking place. Some men, mostly Negroes, were moving quickly back and forth, putting powdered soap in the washer, stuffing heaps of clothes in the machine, regulating the speed as the machines are closed and yanking out the wet clothes. The steam which was shooting out left only the lower part of the machine tender visible to the eye.

This I found in only one of the departments that helps to fill the hospitals and tubercular sanitariums. Further on, I saw another machine revolving very rapidly which leaves the clothes damp but with most of the water removed.

I passed into a larger room where there were many people working, elderly women and young girls. This was the ironing room. Some of the clothes were ironed by hand, a tiring job to work at. All day they stand at their hot irons, moving about but little in the small area around them. I thought it strange not to hear any sound of their feet on the cement floor until I discovered that they have on bedroom slippers all day to ease their aching feet. There are machines here that iron all flat work called mangles. At one end of the damp clothes are put in and at the other end they are taken out by women and folded swiftly; the sheets must be handled very swiftly or else they will drop to the floor and get dirty. This is a real speed up system with American efficiency at its height.

The faces of the workers looked sickly with their sunken eyes and hollow, ghastly white cheeks that seemed bloodless. In one spot were working two sisters, who have been in America only one year. I was informed that they were pictures of health, but since becoming acquainted with American capitalism their despairing faces now resemble those of the other slaves.

As I left the place, I thought of the wonderful possibilities we are neglecting to organize these most exploited of workers, the laundry workers.

Nat Prager, Box 1788, Los Angeles, Cal.

Trying to Find a Job in the Garment Industry Is Hard for Young Workers

I am a worker in the ladies' garment trade and am unemployed for the last few months. The situation in my trade at present, particularly cutting, has reached an intensive height. There are hundreds of workers unemployed and seeking jobs in the cutting line.

I will relate some of my experiences of this week and can assure you that it is no laughing matter.

While walking from the station to my first stop I was met by a fellow that I had become acquainted with some time ago thru my hunt for a job. He asked me what place I was going to, and when I told him he said there was no need of going up as that place had already been filled. We then went to another place which was the last in the paper, where they were in need of a cutter, and got the previous answer.

Having nothing else to do we started looking for signs and I can assure you we had a wonderful walk until he suddenly burst out with all sorts of language against the bad and hard times. He told me that he had saved a few dollars by stinting himself of food and clothing. This morning he had drawn his last five dollars and he does not know what he will do after it is gone. Telling him to buck up and fight it out, I left him as it was late in the afternoon.

The next day I took the same route thru the advertisements, and after I was thru with that I happened to be near the City Industrial Bureau and went in. There are placards showing each industrial department downstairs for unskilled workers, and upstairs for skilled workers. When I asked for a job, I was informed that the only one that they had was just going away. It was in some sort of a metal factory to learn a trade at fourteen dollars a week.

I waited about twenty minutes thinking something might turn up and when I left there were about three hundred men inside and outside, mostly unskilled workers, waiting for jobs.

TOILING YOUTH

By HARRY GANNES.

Capitalist Institutions

(Continued from last issue)

All over the country there is a well-planned campaign on how to teach the bible in the public schools, which is clearly a violation of the so-called constitution. Even the flappers have come in for their share of criticism as being a revolt against authority. The church is very jealous of the youth and strives hard to enmesh them in its superstitions, authority and blind submission to those who dominate all, the capitalists.

Is there a fancied connection between religion and capital? Is this the creation of the mind of the radical? Most assuredly not. There are so many examples and instances that go to prove the direct fusion of church and money-bags that it makes a disgusting as well as a long story. We will quote but two striking proofs that both ministers of the gospel and capitalist spokesmen recognize the relation between religion and the domination of the workers.

First, Roger Babson, statistical expert and financial adviser of prominent capitalists in the United States. He says:

"The value of our investments depends not on the strength of our banks, but rather upon the strength of our churches. The true preachers of the nation are the men upon whom we really are dependent rather than the well-paid lawyers, bankers and brokers. The religion of the community is really the bulwark of our investments. And when we consider that only 15 per cent of the people hold securities of any kind and less than three per cent hold enough to pay an income tax, the importance of the churches becomes even more evident.

"For our own sakes, for our children's sakes, for the nation's sake, we as business men get behind the churches and their preachers! Never mind if they are not perfect, never mind if their theology is out of date. This only means that were they efficient they would do very much more. The safety of all we have is due to the churches, even in their present inefficient and inactive state. By all that we hold dear, let us from this very day, give more time, more money and thought to the churches of our city, for upon these the value of all we own ultimately depends!"

Second, in a letter sent to business men, the National Committee of the Northern Baptist Laymen, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York (incidentally the address of the Boy Scout Headquarters whom we meet later in our book) says:

"Why, man dear, there are thousands of preachers working day and night to make your city and your employes better, who are getting less than a thousand dollars a year. Your business would be in a fine way, wouldn't it, if it were not for the stabilizing influence of the church and its preachers, who put ambition and determination and love of honest service in the hearts of your working men?"

"Now, then, no business-like delays; write today and get the facts about this great investment (in religion) from business men. Think of the good workers who will receive no pay envelope today or tomorrow—unless you remit for services rendered.

We are waiting to hear from you."

"Religion is the opium of the people," said Karl Marx. For the youth, it is the poisonous soothing-syrup that lulls them to sleep and prevents them from recognizing the class society in which they live.

The Press.

The youth should have no doubts about the press in the United States. First of all, newspapers are business enterprises. The first object of most newspaper owners is to make money; the second is to preserve the capitalist system. Upton Sinclair has done the working class and history a remarkable service in writing the "Brass-Check," the story of who owns the American newspaper and to what they are put. The "Brass-Check" outcries charges the great bulk of newspapers and magazines in this country with being the tools of the owners of wealth. The book has circulated in hundreds of thousands of copies, mentions names, dates, figures and facts, and if they were not true, would be enough to send Sinclair to jail for the rest of his life; but the author of the "Brass-Check" is still free, a living example of the truth of his book.

Most newspapers have children's sections that are just supplements of the vast educational systems and the church in propagandizing in the interests of the capitalist system. The boy scouts and the Y. M. C. A., both enemies of the working youth, receive the most enthusiastic support from the press. Where the papers are pro-Catholic or pro-Jewish, they support the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Hebrew Associations, organizations that serve the function as the Y. M. C. A. in their own religious field.

And now we come to what the youth the world over like so well—the movies. Oh, how can the movies possibly be bad! would be the exclamation of most of the young people in this country, even if they suspected the class nature of our present order of society. But class investigation shows that the movies, like the press and the church, is but another link in the chain that mentally enslaves the American youth so that it will not think of destroying the physical chains of wage slavery.

Motion pictures is one of the greatest inventions of our century. But under the capitalist system it is used as the schools—an instrument to instill capitalist ideas. Five hundred million dollars are invested in the motion picture industry, and the films turned out are the cheapest kind of trash, nearly every one of which glorifies some part of the present class order.

The advantage of this form of spreading the "good" of the present class system is above any other means of broadcasting the ideas of capitalism. "The mind has triumphed over matter," says a great psychologist about the movies, "and the pictures reel on with the ease of musical tones. It is a superb enjoyment which no other art can furnish."

About 20,000,000 people attend the picture shows daily; that is about as many as go to school. The children and young people especially, like the movies and go to them whenever the chance presents itself. And by means of this "superb enjoyment," the children are impressed with the good of that system which hurts their bodies and dwarfs their minds.

Every means of information, all forms of amusement are used to mislead the young of the working class. It is true that there are some workers' newspapers, that the workers do try here and there to have their own entertainments and to conduct their own schools; but these are puny in comparison with the mighty means in the hands of the bosses. Within the present society to try to change the outlook of the young is a difficult task. About the most that can be done is to get them to realize the class nature of the school and the press and the sources of amusement and entertainment and through this awakening to discover the means for destroying the class society that enslaves the mind of the youth as well as their bodies.

(To be continued.)

DOLLAR LACKEYS WAR ON MAY DAY AT KANSAS CITY

Try to Stir Youth with Fake "Boys' Week"

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (By Mail).—International Boy's Week, April 27 to May 3, celebrated May Day with a patriotic parade of 25,000 youths and as usual the discrimination against the Negro youth excluded them from the parade.

In the evening the national oratorical contest, financed by 30 newspapers, giving total prizes of \$45,000 for the best property rights interpretation of the constitution by our youth, is holding its final elimination contest, the winner to speak before Coolidge and "our" supreme bench-warmers.

This contest with its May Day luncheon is directed from Washington by the sinister hands of Wall Street interests. At the oratorical contest found the sleek middle-class and Kansas retired farmers.

But in the Musicians' Hall the united front of the workers was demonstrated. Not by the well fed big bellied middle class type but by a gathering of brawny workers.

Com. Manuel Gomez, main speaker of the evening in a forceful speech told the workers that May Day was an American contribution to the international labor movement, pointing out that it is not imported as the press would have us believe.

Hasten to the Aid of the Starving Irish Workers and Peasants

The Peasant International to the Peasants of the Whole World.

Last year's harvest in Ireland was almost completely destroyed by a natural catastrophe. Our brothers, the Irish peasants, have reaped from the fields which they have tilled with the sweat of their brow, only bitter misery. Poverty and privation have visited them in their wretched cabins. In the northern districts of Ireland there has been reigning for many months a cruel and merciless foe—Hunger. Without distinction death is snatching away the old and the young, the big and the little.

And "good old England" of His Majesty the King and the "noble" Lords, bourgeois England of the refined stock exchange speculators is celebrating a joyous funeral feast over the graves of the Irish peasants.

Plutocratic England—the England of the bankers, the England of the business people, who "mint" gold out of the bloody sweat of the slaves in their subjected colonies, this England, of course, does not move a finger in order to alleviate the suffering of the Irish peasants and their children who are perishing from starvation.

The terrible starvation of the thousands of Irish peasants is only a welcome ally for the English stock exchange sharks, for the hypocrites, for the preachers of "christian brotherhood," for the "enlightened" civilized landowners.

It has always been their highest "statesmanship" and is still now the policy of their Great Britain, to spread slavery everywhere with fire and sword, and based upon this to be the mistress over land and sea.

In spite of this, the iron heel of English capital has not succeeded in suppressing the national revolutionary movement of the Irish peasants and workers. Under no circumstances must it be permitted that this revolutionary spirit be crushed by the pitiless ally of the ruling classes—Hunger.

The corrupt press of the English bankers is endeavoring to maintain silence regarding the horrors of the famine whilst thousands of our Irish brothers are perishing. But in this it will not succeed. We will not remain silent, we cannot keep silent!

Peasants and agricultural workers of the world!

The Peasant International which unites many millions of peasants of the world and which, hand in hand with the working class, is fighting for



ST. PAUL LEADS IN RACE FOR BANNER

PITTSBURGH, BRULE FOLLOW CLOSE BEHIND

St. Paul, Minn., leads the drive for the banner from the Young Communist International, which goes to the winning league in the drive. Kenosha, Woodlawn, Pittsburgh, San Antonio and Brule are not far behind.

Still three months remain to complete your quota. When will your unit ring the bell by getting the number of subs assigned? See that this is done quickly!

Subscriptions mean a bigger, more powerful, influential Young Worker! Build the organ of the militant young workers—lay the iron foundation of subs today!

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	Subs Sent In	Quota Assigned	Percentage
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Cleveland, Ohio	12	100	12
Astoria, Oregon	10	40	25
Boston, Mass.	9	100	9
Kenosha, Wis.	7	15	47
Baltimore, Md.	7	50	14
Providence, R. I.	7	25	28
Buffalo, N. Y.	6	35	17
Woodlawn, Pa.	5	15	33
San Francisco, Calif.	5	25	20
New York, N. Y.	5	500	1
Worcester, Mass.	4	35	12
San Antonio, Texas	4	10	40
Brule, Wis.	4	10	40
Springfield, Ill.	4	20	20
Neffs, Ohio	3	20	15
St. Paul, Minn.	3	5	60
Jacksonville, Fla.	3	10	30
New Britain, Conn.	3	10	30
Cloquet, Minn.	3	15	20
Palisade, Minn.	3	15	20
Owen, Wis.	3	10	30
Canonsburg, Pa.	3	3	100
St. Louis, Mo.	2	13	15
Philadelphia, Pa.	2	50	4
Maynard, Mass.	2	15	13
Grand Rapids, Mich.	2	10	20
Roundup, Mont.	1	10	10
Summitville, Ohio	1	10	10
McKeesport, Pa.	1	10	10
Starford, Pa.	1	10	10
Daisytown, Pa.	1	10	10
Dillonvale, Ohio	1	25	4
Dayton, Ohio	1	10	10
Kansas City, Mo.	1	10	10
Milwaukee, Wis.	1	10	10
South Bend, Ind.	1	10	10
Hartford, Conn.	1	2	4
New Haven, Conn.	1	25	4
Roberts, Mont.	1	10	10

If your league does not appear in the above table of leagues which are active in the RED STAR SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE, it means that your unit has not sent in any subscriptions for the Young Worker.

The race goes on. St. Paul, Minn., is in the lead! This league will soon ring the bell. Will your unit fail to do this? Make sure that it does not, by getting Young Worker subs, in large numbers, at once!

the emancipation of the peasants from the century-old yoke of suppression and exploitation by the international bourgeoisie and landowners—the International Peasant Council calls upon the peasants of all countries to come with all their forces to the aid of the peasants and workers of Ireland who are engaged in a death struggle with starvation. This help will be the best support to them in their heroic struggle for the emancipation of Ireland, for the common cause of the workers and peasants.

Peasants and workers of all countries!

The whole of the working class of the world has already responded to the desperate cry for help of your suffering brothers, the Irish peasants. The Workers' International Relief (W. I. R.), this thoroughly proletarian and powerful workers' organization, has already come to the aid of the starving rural population of Ireland and is organizing through its committees in all countries of the world a wide-spread campaign for the collection of money, food, etc. The first kitchen and feeding centers of the W. I. R. are already at work in the districts of Ireland affected by the famine.

But the need is still great... The relief action of the W. I. R. on behalf of the Irish peasants and land workers must be supported by all peasants, as well as by all the workers of the world.

Do not allow hundreds of thousands of your brothers, tried fighters for the cause of the emancipation of all peasants and workers, to perish. May every peasant, every land worker hasten to contribute his share, be it ever so little. Many poor can feed a starving man. May the peasantry of all countries support and further extend the relief action initiated by the W. I. R.

The workers have already hastened to render help. Therefore, come also to the aid of your starving Irish brothers.

Support by your contributions the relief action which is being carried on by the W. I. R.

Denounce the shameful policy of the English landowners and financiers!

Long live the brotherly solidarity of the peasants and workers of the whole world!

Long live the victory of the cause of the workers and peasants throughout the whole world!

Long live the Workers' International Relief!

Long live the Peasant International! Peasants and workers of all countries unite!



The Young Workers League and Its Aims

LESSON NO. 9.

We have already learned about the general aims and purposes of the Communist movement—the Young Workers' League and the Workers' (Communist) Party considered together—and we know that the general tasks of these organizations must be the same.

We have noted that this great Communist movement must be organized with the greatest degree of unity and centralization in order that the capitalists might be faced with a firm, united front on our part. Why, then, have two Communist organizations—the Workers Party for the adults; the Young Workers' League for the youth—each with its own structure of dues-paying members, national committees, separate newspapers and the like.

The Young Workers' League, it must be understood at the beginning is not wholly an independent organization outside the Workers Party. Since the aims of these two organizations are identical, since both are the expression of the Communist sentiment in the same country, the league "follows" the party on the political field. Its politics must be the party's politics, the Communist politics. And yet the Young Workers' League is an independent organization in a very real sense and because of many important things.

In the first place, the Young Workers' League recognizes the fact that youth differs from the adult not only physically but mentally. In the age period of the Young Workers' League membership, the youth is in a transition stage between childhood and manhood. We all know that young people think and act in a very different way than do the adults. We are more active; we learn faster than older people.

These mental differences in the youth, make it very necessary for the Communists to organize the vast working class section of young people into an organization in which they may develop separately from the adult workers. Propaganda among young workers is more effective when carried on by young workers. Although youth organizations especially devote themselves to education, we know that effective education of Communists means active participation in the struggles of the workers. So the Young Workers' League engages in all the every day struggles of the working class youth. And this activity is more easily accomplished when our youth campaigns are not restricted by the adults.

Moreover, the environment of the youth is different. He is the apprentice in the factory, the lowest paid in the shop, the most easily exploited of the workers. He has come fresh from the capitalist school, he is new in the world of industry. He is not recognized even as a citizen in the society in which he works. Although he may work for many years previous to

21st birthday, he is denied his vote.

It can be seen that the working class youth has his specific problems. His peculiar position in industry makes that. Paid lower wages, worked long hours, physically much weaker than the adult, kept out of the unions by age restrictions, the young worker—the most horribly exploited member of the working class, can do nothing. He must join with others of his age, and backed by the power of older workers who understand his problem, fight for superior conditions for all young workers, for shorter hours, for admission into the unions.

Finally it is the youth who is called on for military service. He is used as the cannon fodder to make safe the profits of the capitalists.

These differences between the youth and adult determine the main tasks of the Young Workers' League.

1. It must aid in defending the young against the intense exploitation in the factories, mines, and work shops.

In working out this general task, the league comes forward to the youth with immediate partial demands for the betterment of their conditions. These are:

- a. No child labor under 18 years of age.
- b. Minimum wage for young workers.
- c. Equal wage for equal work for young and old.
- d. Six-hour day for all young workers.
- e. Trade schools under control of unions.

Our Communist goal is to make the period of youth a training period for the productive Communists society, and the obtaining of these "partial demands" would be a step towards that end.

2. It must fight militarism. Both within and without the army it must carry on continual agitation against all forms of militarism. Where possible it must send into the training camps and other military organizations to carry on the fight against the military ideas and toward the disruption of the army of the capitalists.

3. It must educate the young workers for their task in overthrowing the present system. It must teach them the working theory and methods. It must train leaders to carry on the work among the masses of the youth.

In the next lesson these tasks will be taken up in greater detail.

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If you are not able to sell your full quota of The Young Worker in your shop, there are many other places where you can reach young workers. The big thing in selecting these other places, is to be sure that you go to places where you will be able to reach a fair number of young workers and not to just go out on the street corner and sell to anyone, young or old, worker or boss, that may come along.

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The Red Army Is the School for Village Political Instructors

(Sokolnitchy Liaison Regiment.)
Moscow, Feb. 4, 1925.

THREE months ago there was an influx of young workers and peasants into the Red Army and of course also into our regiment.

Today one can hardly recognize in the smart young men in Red Army uniforms the Vankas who arrived in our barracks wearing bast shoes. The vacant expression on their faces has vanished, and their features are full of energy and animation.

Many of the Red Army men have joined the Young Communist League and are up to their eyes in social work; and those who were quite illiterate are deep in their studies. I must say that there were many illiterates among those who joined our regiment, something like 100. Every morning when those who are literate attend their political courses, the illiterate ones go to school.

In this way we think that we will be able to do justice to the slogan "No illiterates on the 7th anniversary of the Red Army."

So much for the regiment. But a different kind of work goes on in the Lenin "corners" of the squads. In the evening when our military training is over, the "corner" is like a beehive. Here Red Army men read newspapers, and those who are more advanced take the backward ones in hand. Such individual patronage is all the go in the regiment. There are seventy of such "patrons" on the official list, but it would be difficult to say how many carry on this work unofficially.

The success or results of this kind of work is evident. As the young fellows develop they become more active, and their activity finds vent in our wall newspapers of which the regiment has eleven.

Young chaps from the village, who never read papers before, are now clubbing together in twos and threes and subscribing for a newspaper. In this fashion the regiment has subscribed for 250 news papers.

In the everyday work of the Red Army young soldiers learn all about the construction of proletarian society, they acquire knowledge in the army which helps them on demobilization to do constructive work in their villages.

Dear fellow workers, this is our Red Army message to you telling you about our life. It will help to explode the lies which the bourgeoisie spreads throughout the world about the Red Army. In this first letter, I have not been able to give you a full description of our life, but intend to do so in my future letters.

With comradesly greetings,
Vl. Samoruev, (Army Correspondent)

The Pan-American Anti-Imperialist League

LATIN America is imperial domain. Whether the United States or Great Britain shall exercise dominion over it is a matter that is still being fought out in the ceaseless struggle for oil minerals, investment areas and markets. With astonishing ease, American capitalists are displacing their rivals from one stronghold after another. Wall Street, with half the gold of the world at its command, is conquering ever wider markets—nor are these markets being subdued by gold alone. Wall Street also sends troops, who conquer territory by the simple process of assault and occupation.

The correlation of forces is admirably expressed in the Monroe Doctrine, which, it should be remembered, is now something more than American foreign policy, having achieved for itself practically the status of international law. The unmistakable import of the Monroe Doctrine today is American protectorate over Latin America.

And what of the Latin Americans? What of the peoples whose countries are the objects of American imperialism, whose citizens are ordered about by U. S. marines and whose workers produce the wealth which goes to swell the treasure house of Wall Street?—their hatred for the "protecting" government needs no elaboration here. It is traditional. They look upon the sanctimonious invader as an enemy that must be driven out at all costs.

But they are weak and disunited. Hitherto American imperialism has been able to work its will on one Latin American country after another—Cuba, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico—in isolated fashion, without experiencing any hostile action on the part of the nations not immediately involved. All of Latin America has long had a strong sense of natural Latin American solidarity, but up to the present no unifying medium has existed to coin this solidarity into effective results for the struggle against imperialism.

To accomplish this purpose, to give international leadership to the struggle against imperialism in the west, the Pan-American Anti-Imperialist League was created. The Pan-American Anti-Imperialist League will carry on the fight for the complete emancipation of the peoples of the western hemisphere. It has issued a manifesto expressing its fraternal kinship with every organized force fighting imperialism anywhere in the world.

—Manuel Gomez in the Workers Monthly.

IN MAY DAY demonstrations thruout the world the youth played a leading role. The bosses did their best to direct the interests of the young workers into other channels, away from the revolutionary significance of the day. The young workers answered the bosses by playing the most militant part in all celebrations that took place.

Manifesto of the Red Sport International

MANIFESTO.

To the Working class Sportmen of all Countries!

To all Working Men and Working Women in Town and Countryside!

THE Third World Congress of the Red Sports International addresses this manifesto on behalf of the delegates who represent twenty-one countries at the Congress, to all workers belonging to gymnastics and sports organizations, and invites them to join the international association of proletarian and peasant gymnastics and sports organizations—the Red Sports International.

The bourgeoisie does its utmost to keep the oppressed classes under its domination. In the hands of the bourgeoisie, gymnastics and sports organizations are converted into tools of bourgeois militarism and fascism, and thereby into fighting cadres of the reactionaries against the proletariat of the home country, as well as the proletariat of foreign countries.

The bourgeoisie is fully aware of the important role of gymnastic and sport organizations and it is using them as a means to corrupt the proletariat and to permeate it with bourgeois ideology, providing thereby active defenders of bourgeois capitalist interests in the everyday economic struggles (factory sports, clubs under capitalist control, strikebreaking, technical aid, etc.), as well as in the present and future political struggles (Chauvinist national organizations, military training of the young, national militia, etc.).

FROM being a means of the class struggle of the bourgeoisie against the proletariat, proletarian gymnastic and sports organizations must become an important factor—for the proletariat—in the world struggle of the workers and poor peasants for the establishment of a proletarian social order.

In the atmosphere of class struggle there can be no "neutrality" and no "non-political attitude" for the workers also with respect to gymnastics and sports. Collaboration or class truce with and within bourgeois organizations, and especially with the bourgeoisie, is tantamount to a betrayal of proletarian interests.

Difficult economic and political conflicts lie in wait for the proletariat. The Third World Congress of the Red Sports International therefore issues the fighting slogan:

PROLETARIANS must organize the class struggle also on the field of gymnastics and sports, and must sever all connection with bourgeois organizations and bourgeois ideology.

A united front in the gymnastic and sports movement brought about by the entire proletariat will strengthen the entire front of the workers and peasants and will enable it to achieve a victory over the capitalist world.

The leaders of the reformist Lucerne sport international are sabotaging the united front and the workers'

struggles against the bourgeoisie, by their attempts to destroy the unity of proletarian gymnastics and sports organizations.

The Lucerne Workers' Sports International is not an international class struggle organization in the true sense of the word.

THE leaders of the Lucerne Sports International objected to the invitation being sent to the Red Sports International to the First Workers' Olympiad in Frankfurt-on-the-Main. They have rejected the invitation of revolutionary workers' gymnastic sports organizations although large sections of the membership of the Lucerne International were in favor of accepting the invitation. As in 1920, in Lucerne, they have again refused to enter into relations with the proletarian sports organizations of Soviet Russia. The Lucerne leaders have broken off negotiations concerning preparatory work for the proletarian world Olympiad.

THEY have refused to enter into negotiations concerning the amalgamation of the two internationals by insisting on an amalgamation based ENTIRELY on the already discredited Lucerne program, without any previous negotiations and without consulting the rank and file.

They are determined to prevent a truly proletarian world Olympiad for the latter would militate against their efforts to collaborate with the bourgeoisie.

Working men and women throughout the world, do not play into the hands of these agents provocateurs. PREVENT ALL SPLITS IN YOUR ORGANIZATIONS; the Lucerne leaders are aiming at bringing them about

to be rid of the good proletarian revolutionary members.

The machinations of the treacherous leaders must be brought to naught through the determination of all working class gymnasts and sportsmen to maintain a united front.

Working class gymnasts and sportsmen! The Red Sport International and its Third Congress tells you:

Raise your voices in energetic protest against the sabotage of the united front!

There shall be no real Olympiad without the Red Sport International!

THE Third World Congress of the Red Sport International was attended by representatives from all parts of the world. Conspicuous by their absence at our World Congress were only the representatives of Eastern and colonial peoples whose presence would have considerably extended our fighting front. Many millions of the colonial and Eastern peoples are already in the midst of a fight for emancipation and for them the organization of a sports and gymnastic movement, which would support them in their fight is of the greatest importance. The Red Sports International welcomes the colonial and Eastern peoples' fight for emancipation against imperialism, and its Third Congress urges the organization and consolidation of the revolutionary sports and gymnastic movement in these countries.

The Red Sports International is the only real world organization of proletarian gymnasts and sportsmen.

THE Red Sportintern draws the attention of the masses to the deception practised by the Lucerne bureaucrats and urges all proletarians to be

more energetic in their fight for united action.

The Vienna decision of the six Lucerne leaders must be overridden. This will clear the way for a real international proletarian organization.

Working men and women, proletarian gymnasts and sportsmen: In the event of the Lucerne leaders rejecting your demands and refusing to organize a real Workers' World Olympiad, you must do your utmost yourselves to organize a powerful Red World Olympiad. This Red proletarian World Olympiad will proclaim the unity of proletarian gymnasts and sportsmen in their opposition to the bourgeoisie.

THE Red Sport International here-with invites all proletarian gymnastic and sports organizations throughout the world, as well as all other proletarian organizations to take part in the Red World Olympiad—the Red World Spartakiade.

The Red Spartakiade will proclaim the solidarity of the international proletariat in its opposition to the bourgeoisie. It will constitute a new phase in the great epoch of the mighty proletarian movement on the field of physical culture, not only in Europe and America, but also among the enslaved and oppressed colonial and Eastern peoples.

"LONG LIVE THE FIGHT AGAINST BOURGEOISIE GYMNASTIC AND SPORTS... ORGANIZATIONS! AGAINST BOURGEOISIE MILITARISM AND FASCISM!"

"LONG LIVE PHYSICAL CULTURE AS A MEANS OF CLASS STRUGGLE!"

"LONG LIVE HEALTHY PROLETARIAN SPORT!"

"THREE CHEERS FOR THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAN GYMNASTIC AND SPORT MOVEMENT!"

"THREE CHEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND UNITED ACTION WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY LABOR MOVEMENT FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS FROM THE CAPITALIST YOKE!"

"THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED SPORT INTERNATIONAL!"

On behalf of the Third World Congress of the Red Sportintern, the presidium of the E. C. of the Y. C. I., November, 1924.

RUSSIAN PERFORMANCE AND DANCE THIS SUNDAY.

Another Vetcherinka, performance and dance will be given by the Workers' Home, formerly the Soviet School, this Sunday, May 10, at 1902 W. Division St. Two new Russian plays, "Birth Control" and "The Shadow of Liebknecht" will be presented. After the performance there will be dancing till midnight. Beginning at 7:30 p. m. A good time is promised, as usual. Come!

BUSINESS

OVER the butcher's counter,
Over the baker's counter,
They slip across to you
so much for so much.

Through the iron bars,
To a man with a number for a name,
They shove across
a little for everything.

I remember seeing the eyes of an old woman,
And the old eyes of a hungry child,
Boring through the plate glass window
Of a baker's shop,
And they got
nothing for nothing.

And by these signs I know,
in the Temples of Business
It is all counters,
cash registers are the Gilded Gods.
And hunger is a lead nickel,
And hunger is a tin plug
with a hole in it.

HERSCHELL BEK.

The Young Worker in Turkey

By ELLIS CHRYSOS.

Before the war the youth movement in Turkey was politically and economically backward. To understand the backwardness of the youth and the whole working class movement of Turkey, it is enough to know that Turkey is a feudalistic country.

Although today Turkey still remains a feudalistic country, there is a marked difference between the Turkey of today and Turkey of the pre-war period.

Before the war the industries in the cities which were owned and directed by the French, German and English capitalists had a very small proletariat.

Forced into Industries. Because of the great exploitation of the peasantry by the landowners, the youth were forced to go to the cities and into industries on account of the economic conditions of their parents. This was the beginning of the young proletariat in Turkey.

Those who could not go to the cities were forced to work on the farms of the landowners for almost nothing, receiving only food and no pay in return for their labor.

Fast as the world war changed conditions in every country, in the same way it changed the social relations of the family in Turkey. As soon as the world war was declared, the youth was mobilized along with the older proletariat of the cities and with the poor peasants to protect the interests of the land owners. The war broke up the families of the working class. If one describes the youth of Turkey as a mule that carries the whole burden of the Turkish empire, this would be no exaggeration.

Many Killed in War. After the European war, out of ten working class families one could find only three young men and one old man. All the rest had been killed. In the factories that were at that time in existence, no workers were left to do the work. When the peasant women came to the cities to sell their produce, in order to buy shoes, clothing, etc., there would be only one young man left to accompany 150 of the women and to aid them in selling their products. In the cities where those who had supported the family had been killed in the war, they had no means with which to buy the necessary food and products, and were

forced to send their youngest children into the factories as apprentices and the women were obliged to sell their bodies. The middle class during the war was obliged to take their children out of the schools and send them into the industries, so hard were they hit by the restrictions placed on trade during this period.

So the war not only produced a proletariat for the industries, but built up an army of youth within the factories.

Child Labor Big Factor. Today the large amount of child labor in the industries greatly eceets the conditions of the adult workers. Therefore the already organized workers, besides their campaign to organize the unorganized, greatly concern themselves with the problems of the proletarian youth. But just as in other countries, so in Turkey, because the yellow unions do not admit the youth, the Young Communist League of Turkey and the Communist Party are carrying on a militant fight to break down these barriers which keep the young workers outside the unions.

The young workers are hired at less wages than the older workers, and therefore it is to the interest of the bosses to lay off the older workers and replace them by younger ones. And so instead of a competition between the workers and the industrialists, there is competition between the old and the young workers—the father fights his child.

Independent Unions Fight for Youth. In all Turkish cities the independent unions are carrying on the fight in half of the youth, demanding that they should have the same privileges in the factories and in the unions. These revolutionary independent unions realize that a harm to the youth is a harm to the whole working class of Turkey.

Under the banner of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, a fight is going on within the conservative unions so that the youth may have the right to vote because of the fact that the constitutions of some unions admit the youth to membership but deny them the right to vote. An official statement of the Young Communist League says:

Statement of Turkish Y. C. L. "When the conditions of the working class youth are so bad as they are today, it hurts the interests of the whole working class. When the conditions of the working class youth is better, it betters the conditions of the

working class as a whole. When the Young Communist League and Communist Party supports the youth it supports the whole Turkish proletariat. And because of the fact that the interests of the whole working class are the same, the struggle against this exploitation must be united."

One cannot compare the conditions of the youth in Turkey with those of the youth of other countries, because it is for the first time starting to organize. The minority of the youth as working as apprentices and the majority is at the disposition of the bourgeoisie.

Five Dollars a Month. Take the offices as an example, also the inns, coffee houses, barber shops, groceries, hotels, etc., here the youth is working from seven o'clock in the morning until midnight. Their wages are between 10 and 30 lire (5 and 15 dollars) a month. The majority of the youth works not less than 16 hours a day.

In other places they work from seven until nine, and their wages are from twenty-five to thirty lire. The apprentices in the grocery stores work from six o'clock to ten o'clock with wages from ten to twenty lire. The conditions of this element among the youth is worse than the conditions of those young workers who are in industries. The conditions of the working class girls in the tobacco factories, employing almost entirely young girls, are almost undecipherable. These girls are around fifteen and sixteen years of age. In the beginning they work for twenty-five piasts or twelve and a half cents a week. After three years their wages are increased to three liras a week (\$1.50). But in reality these girls are replaced before the three years are up by other young girls at the 12½ cent scale. The highest wages of the girls, independent of their ages, is not more than a piastre (a piastre is one-half a cent).

The "Hammer and Sickle." The official organ of the independent unions (Hammer and Sickle) says the following for the conditions of the youth in Smyrna:

"In the factories of Smyrna, instead of one apprentice for every worker, there are two, which means lower wages and bigger profits for the factory owners. The youth has not the privilege of vote or even the right to speak in the unions. The independent unions must carry on a fight to give

the youth these privileges in the unions because if we neglect this duty of ours, the interests of the youth will be played against the interests of the older workers and the ruling class will benefit by these conditions and along with it the capitalist government which pays no attention to these conditions of the youth."

The Program for the Youth. Different programs or statements of the independent revolutionary unions include today demands of the youth. The fight is not separated and this proves that the revolutionary movement in Turkey is progressing. The Communist youth agitates among the workers, organized and unorganized, for the following demands:

1. Because of the fact that the young workers do the same work as the adult workers, they must be paid the same wages.
2. In this struggle the students and the working class youth must be united and co-operate.
3. Six-hour day for young workers under 21.
4. Those who are under eighteen must not work night-time.
5. The workers who are under 16 years of age must work only four hours and go to school at the expense of the bosses.
6. All young workers must be admitted into the unions without any restrictions and with the right to speak and vote.
7. When the government permits the youth of the bourgeoisie to organize it must give the working class youth the same privileges.

Youth Takes up Struggle. The eighteen hours of work a day, the hunger, has awakened the proletariat of Turkey and especially the youth, and although compared with the other industrial countries, Turkey is backward, the Communist Youth calls upon the youth in Turkey to do the same as the young workers in other countries. The youth of Turkey is today becoming more revolutionary. It prepares itself to undertake the heavy burden of the revolutionary struggle. It begins to realize the international significance of the movement. The achievements of the youth of Soviet Russia influences and gives life to the youth of Turkey to work for the liberation of the Turkish bourgeoisie and landowners.

In another article I will deal with the peasant youth in Turkey.