



# MINERS DEMAND WALKOUT OF MAINTENANCE MEN AS ANSWER TO LEWIS BETRAYAL

After more than a week of daily conferences, between Lewis and the operators, behind closed doors in the Union League Club of New York, all negotiations have come to a standstill and the conferences adjourned.

Miners had been numerous that Lewis was selling out the anthracite miners by submitting to arbitration and even talk was prevalent of tying up the miners to a five-year no-strike contract. Such a policy meant the defeat of the 155,000 anthracite miners who have now been on strike for



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## Ohio Responds to Call for Youth Conference

BELLAIRE, Ohio.—The call for the Young Workers Conference is being received by the young workers of East Ohio enthusiastically. The secretary of the arrangements committee, George Papcun, is touring the entire district and reports local arrangements committee being formed in each town.

Thousands of Young Workers, as well as other language papers such as *Hadnik* and *Robotnik* *Trybuna* are being distributed throughout the district. Copies of the "Call" in leaflet form are soon to be scattered widely. The mine disaster at Shady-side and the young glass workers strike in Bellaire are bringing home to the young workers the necessity of such a conference. 300 copies of a special issue of the *Daily Worker* youth column were distributed among the glass workers. All young workers, and especially the young miners must rally to the Young Workers Conference to be held in Bellaire, Sunday, Feb. 28th.

"The power of the working class organization, without organization of the masses, the proletariat—is nothing. Organized—it is all. Organization is unanimity of action, unanimity of practical activities." LENIN.

## No Child Labor Abolition in Ohio

By Young Worker Correspondent. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—When I received my two weeks vacation from school, I went looking for a job. Just in that time the Christmas rush had started, so I thought I'd get a job easily. I found out later however, that I was very much mistaken. There were vacant jobs but I could not get them, because they tried to pay me the wages of a small child. My little sister found a job and I couldn't, because my sister was satisfied with \$10 wages for 8 long days. If I worked on the same job they would have to pay me more.

On the first day of my vacation visited about ten places and everywhere I was refused. On the second day I went to my old working place that is in the mill, but there was a still greater disappointment. The whole waiting room was filled up with unemployed workers, who like myself, were looking for jobs. When I started to talk with them as to how long they were waiting and whether I would be able to get a job they started to laugh and told me that they were waiting there every day and still there was no hope.

It was a pity to look at them how they wanted to give away their bodies and hands to be exploited and yet they could not even get that. From there I went to a few stores and there I could see the real picture. On those jobs where the older workers were supposed to be working there was now employed child labor.

That's how the Ohio state is abolishing child labor. This also goes to prove what a lie the speech of Coolidge about prosperity was. From the houses papers it is observed that the year will be a prosperous one and promises for work are plenty. Yet there will still be masses of the working class suffering unemployment and rotten conditions while the bosses roll in wealth.

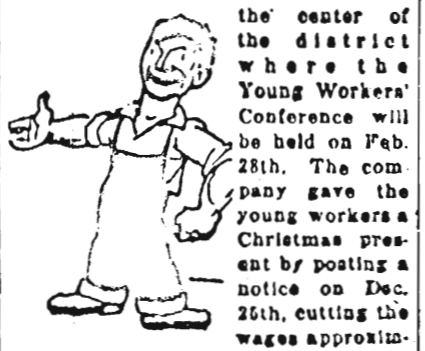
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"The task of the revolutionary party of the proletariat, thru all compromises, so far as they are inevitable, to remain true to your principles, to your class, to your revolutionary task to the task of the preparation of the revolution and the education of the masses to revolution and victory." LENIN.

## Why Not Become a Worker Correspondent?

# The Life of the Young Workers

## 200 Young Workers Strike in Bellaire

Show Need for Youth Conference. BELLAIRE, Ohio.—A strike of 200 glass workers is now on in Bellaire, the center of the district where the Young Workers' Conference will be held on Feb. 28th. The company gave the young workers a Christmas present by posting a notice on Dec. 26th, cutting the wages approximately 10 per cent. All the



young workers, including the carrying boys, snappers and vase swingers are affected by the cut. The reduction would work as follows: Carrying boys from \$4.00 a day to \$3.50; snappers from \$4.80 per day to \$4.30; vase swingers from \$5.50 a day to \$4.90.

The young workers affected spontaneously called a meeting and decided to call a strike. The demands of the young strikers are, "We demand our former wages and the right to organize."

They are carrying on their struggle energetically. The picket line is intact altho the local police have been called upon to disperse them. The local newspapers in conjunction with the bosses, the *Imperial Glass Co.* is filled with calumny against the young strikers and large ads are appearing daily advertising for scabs.

The strike committee has issued a statement in reply to these attempts of the local newspaper, declaring in part: "We demand our former wages and the right to organize. We call upon all workers, young and old, to line up with us in our struggle. Young workers! Do not answer the scab ads of the *Imperial Glass Co.* Do not ask for employment there until the strike is over. Let there be a solid front of all the young and adult workers in Bellaire and vicinity behind the fighting demands of the *Imperial Glass Co.* young strikers!"

We call upon you to recognize that the local newspapers are no the side of the *Imperial Glass Co.* and the bosses in general. They do not support us, the workers who are 100 per cent right in our struggle against the company's wage cut. Do not believe this lying local press. It speaks in the name of the 'paid ad' and dollar sign subsidies and not in the name of the workers' interests. Stand solid in the strike!

"All revolutionary parties which have thus far collapsed, collapsed because they were concealed and were unable to see where their strength lay, they were afraid to speak about their shortcomings. And we will not collapse because we are not afraid to speak about our defeats, and therefore we will learn to overcome them." LENIN.

## ERRAND GIRL CAN'T GET RAISE

(By Young Worker Correspondent) WAUWATOSA, Wis.—I am a girl of 15 years and being big for my age, am employed in the office at Allis Chalmers' company.

Our hours are from 8:15 till 5 o'clock and have 45 minutes for lunch. My boss is in charge of only two girls, myself and a girl of 19 named Helen. She has been employed by the company for 4 years and is very loyal to the bosses. When she sees me stalling she goes to the boss and whispers to him and they both turn and look at me until I resume my work again.

Helen works like a horse all the time and when I ask her why she slaves so hard she gave a quick turn on her heel and walked away and whispers something in the ear of the boss.

Sometimes I have no work to do for about an hour and sit around doing nothing? Then when I do get work I have so much to do that I have to run around like a wild person (I forget to mention that my work was filling blue prints and running errands). Sometimes when I get home I have absolutely no ambition for anything and go to bed without supper because I am even too tired to eat.

The other day I asked my boss for a raise. (My present salary being only \$11 per week) and he laughed at me. Why don't the young workers organize. Let us not be satisfied with our present miserable conditions. Let us unite and don't let the bosses trample over us!

## CAMPBELL LAUNDRY WORKERS NEED ORGANIZATION

By Young Worker Correspondent. MILWAUKEE, Wis.—I am writing to let you know about the conditions in the Campbell Laundry here. I was finishing shirts. Every person had to count how many shirts they ironed in a day. The boss seeing that some ironed more than others got a kind of a machine, which can run from a shirt presser to the finishers in a circle past the finishers. It was run so that there was a shirt for each one. Those who could not keep up with the machine were laid off about this place is the toilets which are very unsanitary. There are papers laying all over and the floors are scrubbed about once in two months. The air is choking.

"White Collar Slaves." I was working for awhile in the collar department and here you are in dampness nearly all day. It is so hot and stuffy during the summer time. Yet the windows are not allowed to be opened because the least bit of dirt that blows in shows on the white collars. If anybody tries to open the windows they get bawled out.

In this sort of place the young workers have to slave for scarcely a living wage. Besides that they work nine hours a day. Many of them get rheumatism from working in water and starch. Every Saturday we all have to get together and mop the floors and clean the sinks and also shine the boilers.

Organization Needed. But still the workers don't try to better their conditions. When you speak of organizing they say, 'Yes, it ought to be done, but how can we do it ourselves. Once we can line up a few militants then will be shown how the workers can organize themselves.' Altho the job is pretty hard I am always trying to get members for the Young Workers (Communist) League. P. H.

## Life no Song for Young Radio Workers

NEW YORK CITY.—It is but four years ago that Radio became known to the public at large. Before that time it was of importance and of use only to experimenters and the navy for signaling purposes and occasionally for short distance telephone work. Radio-telephone communication at the time was very restricted because of inaccurate and undeveloped apparatus. Engineers, having finally perfected a system that was capable of transmitting the voice and other sounds over great distances, showed to what extent Radio could be exploited as a public utility. Manufacturers at once set about popularizing the idea and it took but a short time there were Radio factories and broadcasting stations growing in great numbers.

Today there are thousands of young workers employed in making Radio sets, installation and maintenance, control and operation of Broadcasting stations, laboratory development, and sales and distribution. In other words it has grown from an insignificant experiment into an industry employing millions of workers. In almost all of the large industries we have strong, active trade unions but in Radio there are none. Why? Because the employing class in this

## LOCARNO

"Locarno is a further link, a further development of the chain which was originally forged in Versailles. It is a new angle of contradiction, a new preparation for war, in any case an attempt to create a united front against the Soviet Union. And if we add the fact of the partial stabilization of capitalism, it becomes evident that we cannot dismiss Locarno with a wave of the hand. We regard Locarno as a factor which threatens peace. Perhaps Locarno means no immediate threat to our Union. Chamberlain appealed to Japan, France, America and to the smaller states and tried to get them to mobilize against us." —Zinoviev.

## Workers' Sport Column

WORLD LABOR SPORTS UNITY. MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The approaches which the Red Sports International has made to the Lucerne Sports International in behalf of a setting up a united world labor sports movement seems to have made some headway. The Paris Conference of the body decided: The Congress considers unification with the Red Sports International impossible for the time being. In the event of unification becoming subsequently possible as a result of sporting collaboration, this can only be decided upon by another congress of the Lucerne International.

GOVERNMENT STRIKE-BREAKER. When Coolidge in his opening speech read before Congress condemned strikers he was only carrying out his natural role as the strike-breaker-president of a bosses government.

WORKERS SPORTS GAIN MEMBERS. DETROIT, Mich.—The local Workers Sports Alliance has recruited a great number of German young workers who recently came over from the old country. The Sports Alliance is succeeding in winning away quite a few young workers from the influence of bourgeois sports.

POOR WAGES, LONG HOURS. The setters receive ten cents per game. Report at 12 P. M. and stay at 13 A. M. if necessary. In case there is no work done they get nothing at all.

NO UNION. Two of the workers are going to school. Three are under age and are to quit on account of economic conditions. There is no union. Some of the pin setters, however, are organizing wages. At surroundings and recognition as human beings. Organize to insure your rights. You have nothing to lose.

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# AMALGAMATION AND ORGANIZATION UNORGANIZED PROBLEMS OF TEXTILE CONFERENCE

## Big Child Labor Exploitation

BOSTON, Mass.—We are witnessing in the textile industry today, a concentrated effort of the mill operators to reduce the wages of the textile workers throughout the country. This will be their campaign in the spring, altho sporadic efforts of some of the textile operators to reduce wages 10 and 20 per cent are being met with sporadic strikes in some of the textile centers in the United States.

In addition to the drive to cut down the wages efforts will be made by the bosses to lengthen the working day. Probably the most dastardly attack upon the workers that the bosses are planning is to further the already existing speed-up system.

In the past struggles, despite the resistance of the textile workers, the bosses have been generally successful to carry thru their program of exploitation. The reason for these successes in the past by the employers is due to both the weakened position of the workers, namely no centralized organization, and the unorganized workers lacking leadership and also due to the fact that the bosses have by far a much more superior and stronger organization.

Action Against Wage Cuts. However, the contemplated spring campaign of the bosses will not go on unchecked. Heretofore the workers have never had centralized leadership nor a strong organization before a strike or before a campaign of onslaught of the textile operators.

There exists in the textile industry many small and weak union organizations. The United Textile Workers, affiliated to the A. F. of L. and the American Federation of Textile Operatives are the leading unions. While on a national scale these unions do not cooperate with each other in their struggles we nevertheless see that a number of looms of both these unions working hand in hand in their struggles.

Another significant point is that of child labor. When we look at the textile industry from the roots we find that Negro children are forced by the school authorities to the south to leave school in order to pick the cotton crop. With the introduction of machinery we need more and more children in the process of textile manufacturing. The question of the organization of the unorganized must be a primary one. Here we are faced with the dual problem of the organization of the Young Workers and the Young Workers' League. The conference will discuss this matter thoroughly. Efforts are being made to get young workers from the mills as delegates so that they can put young blood and life into the textile organizations. AL 5022A

## Youth Labor in W. F. Hall

Developed Spying System. The spying goes on in the highest measure and nobody is sure if his fellow worker working right beside him is not a spy for the company. Especially the foreman and the others who feel themselves superior are the spies of the company.

A group of the young workers have already tried to organize a strike in this establishment. It would have been successful, if the group which undertook this move had been more tactful. They did not have any experience in a move of this kind and thus most of the older workers, the pressmen, helped to betray the move. They did this by joking about the young workers move in the cafeteria and the information reached the boss. This resulted in the militant group of young workers getting fired.

Unity, Young and Old. As can be seen from the above, it is necessary to strive for a unity action between the young and adult workers. This also brings up the question of the union. The union of the industry is neglecting to organize the masses

## Bowling Pin Setters Need a Union

By Young Worker Correspondent. DULUTH, Minn.—One of the most contemptible slave pens employing young workers in this city, is the De Luxe Bowling Alley, located in the basement of the Union Bus Depot. There are eight alleys and twelve young workers from fifteen to twenty years of age employed as pin setters. The boss is a typical slave driver who uses the weapon of poor business as the cause of the rotten conditions. When crowded this place is laden with smoke and stinky air.

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